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Tiffany Williams of Grambling State University was crowned Miss Collegiate African-American last August. She represents 117 historically black colleges and universities.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"If you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what you've always gotten"

Reggie Smith

Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of ?

Student-police communications remain strained

By Erika Gravett
Hilltop Staff Writer

The issue of police brutality was brought into the spotlight with the videotaped beating of Rodney King by Los Angeles police officers in May. For some Howard students, however, the issue was one with which they had first-hand experience.

Michelle Gilliard, a junior majoring in radio production, and Shawn Houston, a senior majoring in Computer Based Information Systems, personally experienced brutality over the summer.

On June 30, 1991, Gilliard hosted a splash party at her home in Cheltenham, Pennsylvania. The police came and asked the hostess to turn down the music and warned her that if they had to come back there would be trouble.

Officers came again and asked the hostess' mother to walk to the end of the driveway. Officers then began yelling at the mother. When Houston questioned why they were yelling, an officer came at him with a stick and pushed him up against a car.

"He called for more officers. They grabbed me and threw me on the ground and punched me in the face," Houston said. "They also called the K-9 unit."

Houston, along with others, was arrested and taken to the police station.

He then asked the officers why he was being held and was told that he intervened in the mother's arrest.

Gilliard's mother was charged with harassment, failure to disperse, resisting arrest and reckless endangerment in a



Andrew Young III, an HU student, said he suffered multiple injuries.

preliminary hearing.

The case will now go to trial.

"They knew they were doing something wrong and using excessive force. Pictures were taken by those who attended the party. The cops started taking their badges off when the pictures were being taken," Gilliard said.

"We are lucky we are college students and that we have avenues to combat this in some form. Those who don't have resources become the worst victims just by the way society looks at them," Houston said.

Gilliard and Houston's story is similar to those from Virginia Beach during Labor Day weekend two years ago and a Howard basketball game last spring.

National guard troops, state police

officers and local Virginia police officers closed off many streets, set an unofficial curfew during the holiday weekend and broke up a number of parties and crowds for no apparent reason. This weekend was also looked upon as another time when the police used excessive force.

Similarly, an incident outside Burr Gym after a home basketball game was investigated by the Howard University Student Association in March of 1990. One of the 12 students arrested was hospitalized after being hit over the head with a pair of handcuffs by a metropolitan police officer.

"This situation has to be dealt with because the way in which blacks in this country are being treated is horrible," Gilliard said.

Trustee's son claims police brutality

By Depeleha R. Thomas
Hilltop Staff Writer

A quarter of a century after former Atlanta mayor and Howard University alumnus Andrew Young encountered police brutality while protesting for civil rights, his son was beaten by a group of metropolitan police officers last weekend.

Last Sunday at 1:30 a.m., Andrew Young III was driving near Second and Elm Streets through a disorderly crowd when he was ordered to stop by police officers from the 5th District.

According to Young, a police officer immediately snatched his door open, grabbed him by the top of his shirt and pulled him out of the car. About five or six officers began hitting, kicking and beating him, Young said.

Although police reports say Young was stopped because he was speeding, he said he was not driving fast.

"They didn't give me a ticket, didn't read me any rights, didn't ask me to get out of the car or anything like that," Young said.

Young said he had bruises under his arms (from police pulling him up to hit him in the face), knots on his head, a swollen nose and a broken leg.

"My whole face was covered with

please see Police, page A11

HU gets new fiscal affairs vice president

Dr. Franklyn G. Jenifer, president of Howard University, appointed James A. Fletcher the University's vice president for business and fiscal affairs-treasurer, Wednesday.

He replaced Melvin W. Jones, who resigned from the University in August.

Fletcher, 46, comes to Howard from the Unisys Corporation in Blue Bell, Pa., where he served as vice president of corporate financial planning and analysis.

In this position, he was responsible for all financial planning and analysis for the profit and loss, cash and balance sheet aspects of Unisys' finances, which include a worldwide revenue base of approximately \$10 billion annually.

"Jim Fletcher's extensive background in financial management at the highest corporate levels, his technological expertise, his international as well as domestic business experience, and his outstanding academic credentials superbly equip him to serve as Howard's chief financial officer," Jenifer said.

"Howard is not just an educational institution. In a sense, it is also a corporation..."

—Pres. Franklyn G. Jenifer

"Howard is not just an educational institution. In a sense, it also is a corporation, one with an approximately \$450 million budget and a complex structure. And this calls for the kind of sophisticated financial leadership that I am confident Jim will provide."

In his 20 years of management, Fletcher has held two other vice presidential positions at Unisys. He has also served as director of pricing and business analysis for Burroughs Corporation in Detroit and held various positions with IBM, including director of plans and controls for IBM Systems Printing Independent Business Unit in Boulder, Colo., and manager of financial analysis for IBM Information Products Division in White Plains, N.Y.

He interrupted his corporate career for a year from 1973-74 to hold a appointment as a White House Fellow, serving as executive assistant to Frederick B. Malek, then the deputy director of the U.S. Office of Management and Budget.

Fletcher received an M.B.A. degree with high distinction in 1972 from Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration, where he became the first black to be designated a George F. Baker Scholar, indicating his graduation in the top five percent of his class.

In 1970, he received an M.S. degree in mechanical engineering, cum laude, from Fairleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck, N.J., and a B.S. degree in aeronautics and astronautics from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1967.

He and his wife, Karen Kite Fletcher, have three children.



Questions surround health center condoms

By Lawanda Blanchard
Hilltop Staff Writer

Students who practice safe sex and use condoms distributed by the University Health Center may be surprised to find that the condoms are not as safe as they may think.

According to Consumer Magazine, Lifestyle Extra Strength condoms with nonoxynol-9, which is widely distributed by the University Health Center, ranked as one of the worst of 40 condoms. The condoms were surveyed and tested as having a predicted maximum failure rate of more than 10 percent. The magazine also reported, that the model Lifestyles used by the University have thin spots, despite being thicker than others and are

sealed in a non-airtight packet, which can quicken aging.

However, University Health Center officials said the contraceptive is safe, "If used properly."

"Much of what goes wrong with any condom is that many students aren't using them correctly," Col. McLain G. Garrett, director of the University Health Center said "We never said that this was a supreme, cure-all, savior product, but it provides the necessary protection if used correctly," he added.

Cassandra Harris, health educator for the clinic, agreed with Garrett.

"Lifestyle condoms may not be the

please see Lifestyle, page A6

Searching for Soul



In "The Commitments," director Alan Parker has gathered some unknown musicians from Ireland and developed a film about a music fanatic named Jimmy Rabbitte and his neverending soul. Story on B1.

CAMPUS

HUSA budget proposal may add \$60,000

By Erika Gravett and
Otesa Middleton
Hilltop Staff Writers

The Howard University Student Association (HUSA) has proposed an budget increase of approximately \$60,000. This increase would not raise student activity fees.

The proposal will reduce the amount of monies received by the Undergraduate Student Assembly (USA) and the Graduate Student Assembly (GSA) and divert those funds to HUSA.

"HUSA has been operating on the same budget since 1977. We also inherited a deficit. We want to consolidate HUSA, UGSA and GSA so that we may give students the most for their money," Ivan Bates, president of HUSA, said.

UGSA and GSA collectively receive more than four times what HUSA receives from the student activity fee. The recommended constitution will reduce the amount UGSA and GSA receive from 15.5 percent each to 5.5 percent each.

"The budgets of UGSA and GSA at 15.5 percent of the student activities

fee takes away from HUSA and the importance of the organization," said Julius Bailey, president of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Student Council and chairman of the HUSA Policy Board.

"Our goal is to put Howard's student government on the map

Five additional seats will be established for representatives from student organizations.

"In the past administrations, students felt alienated from the programming. We are trying to alleviate that problem. We have made a proposal to open up five revolving

amount of money should be put into the yearbook because they provide a service to the University," Bailey said.

Ten percent of the funds will go to student organizations, which will be used for their own separate programs.

"HUSA can't go to national conventions because the money isn't there," Bates said.

"This will allow a budget for traveling so that the council may be represented in different cities and states," Bailey said. "Howard University does not need to be alienated from big conferences. We need to be everywhere because we have a strong voice in this country."

There is also a plan that may put a small percentage into the student credit union.

"We must support our own institutions. We are not taking any money from students. If we can give the student credit union \$10,000 based on a percentage of student enrollment, we will support the credit union in the way that we need to," Bailey said.

Although UGA and GSA will have joint ventures with HUSA, UGA and GSA will not be eliminated and



Bates



Bailey

nationally and internationally," he said.

Under the proposal, 55 percent of the proposed funds will go toward a programming board which consists of the HUSA president, vice president,

financial advisor, undergraduate coordinator and graduate coordinator.

seats to student organizations. They will have a say in the programming of student government," Bailey said.

In addition, the yearbook will receive 7.5 percent of the additional HUSA funds.

"The yearbook is in a deficit. As a part of these changes, a substantial

Major Points of The Revised HUSA Constitution

- >55 percent of proposed funds will go towards a programming board
- >the yearbook will receive a 7.5 percent increase
- >10 percent of the funds will go to student organizations
- >HUSA executive board will receive 2 percent for an expense account
- >2.7 GPA minimum will be required for executive officers
- >HUSA candidates will need 40 percent of the vote to be elected

phased into HUSA.

Other constitutional changes include requiring the executive officers to have a 2.7 grade point average.

"We feel that as a University representative, 2.7 is not a lot to ask for," Bailey said.

HUSA's constitution requires that a candidate receive 51 percent of student votes to take a student government office. In the case of three or more candidates in an election, a candidate will be able to

assume office if he receives 40 percent of the votes under the new laws. This will eliminate unnecessary runoffs and save the student government approximately \$800.

The proposed constitution will be discussed at an emergency policy board meeting on Monday. A draft will be drawn and sent to the general assembly Thursday. If approved by the general assembly, the new constitution will go to the ballot for referendum next spring.

Towers residents meet administrators

By Sonja Morris
Hilltop Staff Writer

Members of the administration met with new residents of the Howard Plaza Towers Tuesday night. The meeting was organized by William Keene, dean of Residence Life and Dr. Steven Favors, vice president for Student Affairs, to clear up misunderstandings about the Towers' operations.

Campus police Sgts. Reuben Johnson and Jay Mercado were also on hand to give students crime prevention tips and warnings on suspension.

One of the most common concerns among residents was visitation during special events like Homecoming. Several residents said family members would be inconvenienced by signing in and out constantly during special events like Homecoming and spring break.

Residents also wanted more security. Many said access into the building is too easy despite Syntex cards.

The largest number of complaints involved repairs. Several residents complained that no one had responded to their repair requests, even though the property manager, Larry Frelow, said responses to the request would occur within eight hours.

"When I got here, neither the sink nor the toilet worked. I had problems with people at the front desk, but a repairman finally came to fix my room," said one freshman who wished to remain anonymous.

Both Keene and Favors would like to make the meetings weekly, but wonder about attendance. Administrators hope to prevent repeats of last year's events. Several incidents involving drugs and weapons resulted in the death of at least one person in the vicinity of the Plaza Towers.

"There were a lot of people that weren't here, but the large turnout indicated that these residents care about where they live and are willing to offer their input to make this a safer place for them to live," Favors said.



Escort service begins second year

By Larry W. Brown
Hilltop Staff Writer

In an attempt to bring more support to campus security, the Howard University Student Escort Service began its second year this week.

The escort service, which is

primarily run by students, started last semester to walk students across campus at night.

The 25 male and female members of the service are volunteers. Most escorts are returning from last semester; however, the escort service is recruiting new volunteers.

The escort service operates between Charles Drew Hall and the Howard University Hospital, as well as the Howard Plaza Towers and parking lots in those areas. Operation hours are from 4 p.m. until midnight,

Sunday through Thursday

If someone wishes to be escorted, he should call the service at 806-4624. He also must have his Howard identification; the service will then send two escorts.

Joel "Bo" Ferris, a junior and the student commanding officer said the service is open to the Howard family.

"The escort service is not only for students, but also for the faculty and staff. Everyone can be a victim," Ferris said.

This year, the service hopes to

expand to the off-campus dorms once its budget is larger. Funds have been set aside for the security by President Franklin G. Jenifer.

The members go through a training process which include self-defense and radio communications training. Radios are connected with the campus security. The members are also familiar with the Metro Police Department operations.

Desmond Williams, a junior and please see Service, page A11

Recruiters find new ways to attract students

By Depelisha R. Thomas
Hilltop Staff Writer

Cluttered desks and busy phone lines are not uncommon in the Office of Student Recruitment. Tawanna Offer, acting director, uses everyone who is available and associated with the University to encourage potential entrants to enroll.

Because the 16-year-old office has only 10 staff members, it is often difficult to address all the needs of incoming students.

Volunteers — made up of faculty, staff and students — help with on-campus tours and visits to high schools and college fairs. Last year, there were close to 80 student ambassadors who served as recruiters and 40 faculty and staff members who traveled across the country to attract new students.

Offer worked as assistant director of recruitment for six years before replacing Chester Wilson as director this year. Although she has only been acting director for one month, Offer has already arranged to attend 28 national college fairs, planned four out-of-town alumni receptions, produced a promotional "teaser" and helped organize the first "Howard Day" for local students.

The Office of Student Recruitment will use a new computerized system this year, increasing efficiency.

"What we want to do this year is a more consistent follow-up on those students from whom we get information. The computer will allow us to generate reports and projective kinds of information on where our students are coming from and to identify students we want to send special letters to," Offer said.

"It's the kind of close follow-up we haven't been able to do in the past, and we need to do. Everything was done by hand previously," Offer said.

The office decides where to travel by studying data collected by the admissions office on regions, states, cities and specific high schools from which Howard has traditionally received most of its students.

Because it is not always possible to visit all interested students, there is a toll-free number alumni can call to get information if they want to help.

"In places we don't travel, we use

our alumni very extensively to recruit for us. Many of them are very active and eager to help, especially in New York, Los Angeles and Oakland," Offer said.

Data collected from 1985 to 1989 showed 36.9 percent of Howard's entrants came from the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia region. Almost 17 percent came from the District.

For that reason, President Franklin G. Jenifer created a special position for a local area recruiter.

Linda Sanders-Hawkins, former on-campus tour coordinator, accepted the position in May. She coordinates visits to area schools and serves as the contact person for local high school counselors.

"I want to establish a better rapport with the counselors who often have an influence on where students decide to go," Hawkins said.

One event that Hawkins is planning is the first Howard Day, tentatively scheduled for Nov. 9. To encourage local students to consider Howard, they will be invited to come on campus for a presentation, tour, lunch and football game.

"There are good students here, and we want to make sure that we find them and that they know we want them here. I'm not sure they know that," Offer said.

Hawkins has begun building a portfolio of local students, primarily black males who are under represented on college campuses, who have 1,000 or better SAT scores.

Considering that D.C. has some of the lowest SAT scores in the nation, she does not plan to ignore students with lower scores.

"I still have a mission to those students who are less fortunate and have not been able to show their potential through test scores. We hope to build a relationship with the Center for Academic Reinforcement in order to create a support system for them," Hawkins said.

Visits are also made to area junior high schools during special programs, and last year, two elementary schools were visited.

"We encourage identification and familiarity with Howard early," Offer said.

Wilder to speak at Convocation

Virginia Governor L. Douglas Wilder will address the Howard University community at the Opening Convocation ceremony on Friday, Sept. 27, marking the beginning of Howard's 124th year of service. Wilder is a 1959 graduate of the University's School of Law. The convocation will be at 11 a.m. in Cramton Auditorium on the University's main campus.

The annual convocation is open to the public and will be broadcast live on the University's radio station WHUR (96.3 FM), as well as on its public television station WHMM (Channel 32). Classes will be suspended between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. so that University faculty members and students will be able to attend.

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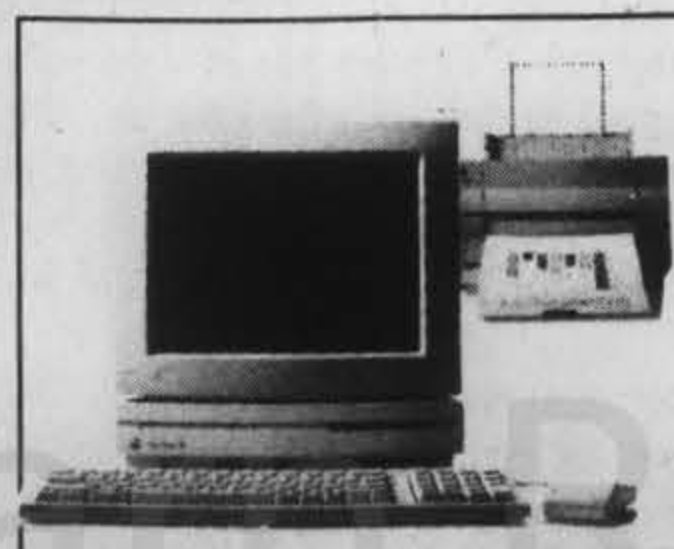
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PEOPLE

Do you know Bo? Who knows Bo?

By Depelsha R. Thomas
Hilltop Staff Writer

Thomas Pierre. Girard Robinson. Kinelli Sharp. Bo Martin. If you do not know who these men are and what they have in common, you should. They are all Mr. Howards, the uncrowned kings.

Although the competition has taken place for the past four years, few people know who Mr. Howard is. Bo Martin, a senior majoring in voice, wants everyone to know that Mr. Howard is not just a title.

"Mr. Howard should be one that people look to as an example. He should be setting an example for all black men, not only on college campuses, but around the world.

Every male here at Howard is Mr. Howard. We are all special here," Martin said.

Martin is the first Mr. Howard to establish his own executive board consisting of a spokesperson, chairperson, programs director and assistant, public relations director and assistant, financial advisor, parliamentary and executive secretary.

One of Martin's two main objectives is to "promote school unity among our leaders." He has already sponsored a party in the Blackburn University Center. Due to the success of the party, Martin hopes to have more social functions on campus.

"We want everybody to come back to campus and stop spending

money elsewhere. We want students to feel safe and to feel good about coming to Blackburn," Martin said.

Donald Jean, a junior majoring in accounting and chairperson of Martin's executive board, said the money from the party will be used to help with the reestablishment of the Student Entrepreneur Society.

Martin's other main objective is to encourage entrepreneurship in the black community. He said black businesses should have the needs and desires of the black community in their plans.

The Undergraduate Student Assembly (UGSA) chooses Mr. Howard during the Spring Black Arts Festival. Any full-time student is eligible. Contestants must write a 300-

word essay, be interviewed and participate in a speakout.

Mr. Howard, unlike Miss Howard, does not get a budget, one of the things Martin would like to see change. Lack of funding prevents him from initiating specific programs of his own.

Tracy McFerrin, coordinator for UGSA, says her staff is putting together a proposal to have Mr. Howard governed by the Homecoming Policy Board.

McFerrin said she thinks the biggest problem is that a lot of people do not know that there is a Mr. Howard. She admits the competition has not been well-publicized in past years.

"This past year, we lost our

public relations director just before the Spring Arts Festival, so we didn't have the manpower needed to really publicize it," McFerrin said.

UGSA hopes to get an early start this year by getting Mr. Howard's name out this semester so that by spring, people will be eagerly awaiting the competition.

Martin does not like the fact that Mr. Howard is not a recognized position on campus.

"When I really started thinking about 'Who is Mr. Howard?', I started taking it real seriously. I thought about how they uplift Miss Howard and the things she does," Martin said.

"As much as our black men are on the streets and in jail, Mr. Howard University should be recognized."



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Forestall Soviet Aid

Upon the declaration of independence of three of the Soviet Baltic republics, George Bush was slow to recognize them and extend diplomatic relations to the newly formed nations. President Bush thought it more prudent to give Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev a few days to respond to the events that were taking control of him. This same level of cautiousness and prudence should be applied when considering whether, when and how the West should offer economic assistance to the Soviet Union, or whatever confederation of states emerges from the ruins of the Soviet Empire.

The recently failed coup has political and economic pundits calling for immediate aid to help secure Gorbachev while he ushers in reform. To do this would be ludicrous. Gorbachev must first institute reforms before any economic aid should be sent to Moscow.

Too much confusion presently reigns over the entire Soviet Union. Republics in the Baltics and Transcaucas have either declared independence or have threatened to do so. While the leaders of other republics are still loyal to hard-liners in the deposed Communist Party, Gorbachev has recently agreed to a new Union Treaty with 10 of the 15 republics, however, if Moscow loses any more power, then even those republics may jump on the secessionist bandwagon. Even the republics whose independence has been recognized by other nations, they still must go through the constitutional formality of being dismissed from the Soviet Union.

If aid were to be sent now, who should receive it? Should the money be sent to the independent republics? Their economies are in the most precarious positions. That would surely be a slap in the face to Gorbachev if his

recently seceded republics received Western aid before he did. Besides, aiding those republics would only add insult to injury and would further compromise Gorbachev at home. However, without the resistance of the Soviet and Communist Party bureaucracy, perhaps the Baltics would be in the best position to press ahead with Western reform.

Should aid be sent to Moscow? This would surely enable Gorbachev to press ahead with reforms by showing his Western backing. However, how effective could aid to Moscow be if the mechanisms for reform are not in place? Furthermore, would aid strengthen Gorbachev or lead to a power struggle between him and Russian Republic President Boris Yeltsin (who may arguably be the most powerful man in the Union, if not the darling of the West?)

There are far too many questions that have to be answered before aid can be effective in the Soviet Union: When will private property rights be established? What sort of profit extraction contracts will be created? When will the ruble become convertible and on what currency or standard will it be based? Will there be one currency throughout the land or will the break-away republics have their own currency? How will Soviet-owned plants and factories be returned to the Union or compensated by the independent republics? The list goes on and on and on...

Economic aid right now would be the worst thing for the Soviet Union. Aid distracts from the main mission of determining its fate and going about the business of reform. Right now caution is the key and the best the U.S. can do is give advice when offered and let the Soviet Empire determine the structure that best fits itself. Economic aid should come only when the economy is stable enough to benefit from it.

Independence initiative misses the point

During registration earlier this semester, every Howard student was charged \$15 for an "Endowment Fee." In an effort to encourage active financial support for the University's endowment, last year's undergraduate Trustee initiated a mandatory fund-raising effort called the Independence Initiative that was launched at the beginning of this semester. The funds, which will be matched by federal dollars, will be specially earmarked within the University's endowment fund while the interest earned will be split between need-based loans and student programs.

This \$15 Independence Initiative is paid by every student—part-time as well as full-time, financial aid recipient or not, United States citizen or international student—every semester. Granted, black colleges, indeed most black institutions need black patrons; however, a mandatory fee is hardly the answer to the problem of ailing alumni support, nor is it equitable or fair for international students.

Why should international students pay this mandatory fee? Last year the University announced that Congress would no longer supplement their studies at Howard University. It was decided, quite appropriately, that because international students did not pay taxes in this country, that they should bear more of the burden for their educational costs in this country (much like out-of-state students are forced to pay unsubsidized state tuition).

However, if they do not receive support from American students and their families who pay taxes, why should they be forced to donate funds that will then be matched by U.S. tax dollars through a U.S. matching grant program? The logic is inconsistent: International students must pay more because the federal government refuses to subsidize them, yet they must pay \$30 a year, which is then matched by federal funds whose interest subsidizes the University at-

large.

The mandatory nature of the fee misses the point altogether. We must ask: Why is it necessary for students to fund our endowment? Why don't alumni adequately fund the endowment? What is this University doing to its graduates that leaves them indifferent towards the fate of their alma mater?

Yes, we need to support our own institutions and wean ourselves off of our federal government subsidy. However, if the University can count on its endowment to increase by almost \$300,000 annually as a result of the mandatory Independence Initiative, where is its incentive to offer better services and opportunities to the students? It would be better if student contributions to the University could be tracked to see who contributes. The University could then examine the trends over time to see where it needs to improve. The growth of the University's endowment fund should be the result of better alumni/student support, not a mandatory fee.

Last year's editorial board endorsed the Independence Initiative (March 1, 1991); while not calling for its removal, we must look at it from a slightly different angle and offer criticism where appropriate. In principle, the Initiative provides an excellent mechanism to encourage students to support Howard; however, by being mandatory, it totally neglects students who cannot afford the fee or who do not want to contribute to Howard University. Most of all, it does nothing to address the real problem of why alumni do not give back—feelings of indifference towards their alma mater. If the University concentrated more on improving our four years here, it may be able to expect more from us than the \$120 it forces us to give; it would be able to expect a lifetime of voluntary giving and good will.

Racism in hiring: An appropriate response

This past summer several studies have been published that shed a rather dark light on racial attitudes in the United States, particularly as regards the hiring practices of business. The studies, conducted by the Urban Institute, in Washington, DC, the National Opinion Research Center of the University of Chicago and the National Law Journal all demand a response, not from government but from the black community at-large and black entrepreneurship in particular.

The three reports pointed out that racist perceptions, attitudes and practices are very much a part of American society and that whites view blacks as being intellectually inferior, more prone to violence and laziness.

Typically suggested remedies for these problems might include more government action in enforcing hiring opportunities or efforts aimed at cultural dialogue and enlightenment and attitudinal adjustments. These have been the remedies put forth in the past, however they have not worked. The federal government does not have as its highest priority enforcing equal opportunity in hiring practices, as has been shown by the Reagan/Bush administrations.

Besides, the fate of black Americans has for too long been determined, to some extent, by the favor shown us by Washington. Unless participants can be honest about their feelings on race and are in able to tap into their own racial perceptions, cultural dialogue is useless, (besides those

most in need of attending are those least likely to attend). Attitudinal adjustments take too long and we are tired of waiting.

Where does that leave us? That leaves us in charge of our own fate. If we receive poor service at an establishment, we take our service to another establishment. The same applies to businesses who seek to hire us. In exchange for a wage, we give them our talents and services. If we experience poor service, then we should offer our services to those who would be more appreciative.

Howard University's Small Business Development Center and the Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies provide the most appropriate response to such a state of affairs. The Institute, part of "Howard 2000", serves to encourage minority entrepreneurship and eventually, render studies like these obsolete by fostering black economic advancement and independence.

The writing is on the wall. The larger American society, including the government, has turned its focus inward and away from the plight of minorities in America. The only response left to us is the response to develop our own businesses and determine our own fate. The days of asking others to help improve our plight are gone: WE must improve OUR plight. No longer can we let the ignorance and arrogance of others stifle our growth. We have danced to their tune long enough, it is time to change the band.

Soviet Union sat on a wall,
Soviet Union had a great fall,
All the West's money & All Gorby's
men, couldn't put Soviet back
together again.



Letters to the Editor

To Whom it May Concern:

As a student at Howard University, I have always assumed that it was my basic right to be able to enter any university building during their posted office hours as long as I did not intend to cause discord amongst the employees or lead to the destruction of property. Unfortunately, to my surprise I discovered quite the contrary. I as a matriculating student of Howard University am not allowed to enter the locked doors of one of the most important offices on this campus—the Financial Aid Office—during the OPEN hours of 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This reality has not ceased to baffle me and I conjecture that neither has it for many of my fellow collegians. When first coming in contact with this absurdity, I deemed it temporary insanity on the part of the Financial Aid employees due to the expected registration chaos. However, since my experience in mid-August, upon returning to the office several times, I have yet to encounter an unlocked door, but instead have found myself faced with hostile representatives, treating me in such a way that can only be likened to the racism that I experience when dealing with some white owned stores and agencies.

What becomes even more disturbing about this affront on my student status as well as my personhood is that these representatives who hold keys to a door that my ancestors have fought long and hard so that I may gain entrance to are not white southern racists, but my fellow sisters and brothers, mothers and fathers.

In order to counteract the rejection felt by students facing a locked door during OPEN hours, the employees would have to present the most pleasant and welcoming attitudes possible. However, not only do they fail to accomplish this task, but they, it seems venture to enshroud continuing students, parents and freshman alike with the harshest air of negativity that they can create.

Furthermore, it is clear the attitudes do not result from a days worth of frustrating interaction with impatient students and out-of-date computers. For, many times at eight and nine in the morning, I have been set aback by a locked door and the nasty disposition of a representative.

Along with this emotional appeal, I would like to go further with a rational appeal to my President, Franklin Jenifer, and to the Financial Aid Office to whom this offense is addressed. Is it too much to ask that

the Financial Aid Office, with the help of Dr. Jenifer, make a strong effort to develop a more civil and humane way of monitoring and controlling the students whom they serve? Because, from my perspective, walking up to an office on campus is very much like coming upon the family or bathroom in your home and to discover it locked strikes the heart in such a way that the mind begins to extrapolate that the body is really not a part of this home.

More explicitly, to reject students outright with a locked door and a negative attitude gives the unfortunate impression (whether intended or not) that we are not an essential and integral part of this campus that we call home. And I know, as a senior here at Howard University that it is far from an assumption that I have and will continue to be (as an alumna) a vital segment of this college community worthy of the open-door policy that Dr. Jenifer alluded to so many times during his campaign for presidency.

In conclusion, my final plea to the administrators of this University is please open the door to the Financial Aid office during open hours.

Sia Alexander
College of Arts and Sciences

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COMMENTARY



A message to the freshman and those who may not yet have noticed what they are doing

David Goldberg

Welcome to Howard University, your home for the next four to six years. This is where we respect and protect the black woman, where the finest African-American minds are bred for the rigors of corporate America, where brother and sisterhood is the standard, where political and religious ideologies are developed or destroyed, where we can be revolutionary until it is time to get a job. This is Howard University, where IMAGE IS EVERYTHING and SUPERFICIAL IS BETTER! This is where we love, fight, rut and at the last possible instant study.

Howard University: an endless stream of 80 percent naked female flesh, rolling, strolling, gliding, swinging shifting, sliding, bouncing and striding across campus as males are crotch-grabbing, drinking, cursing rudely admiring, drooling and behaving as if they are on shore leave.

Seemingly random noises cast across campus by sorority and fraternity members indirectly welcoming you to the University and piquing your interest in these stomping, chanting, singing and swaying, dedicated and serious Greek organizations.

Often mistaken for a frat/soro is Howard's own subversive group, Black NIA F.O.R.C.E. The members display their group discipline, unity and precision in their drills and stand

as Howard's premiere multi-dimensional organization here to free your mind from the chains that drag it down.

Hand in progressive hand with NIA F.O.R.C.E. are those in the suits and bow ties; not "Free PeeWee" activists, but our peers in the Nation of Islam. Brothers always willing to engage in constructive and thought-provoking conversation, or at least sell you a copy of The Final Call, one of black America's few alternative news sources.

Also in the realm of rhetoric and cultural enlightenment are Howard's Afro-centric vendors. These are a wonderful gaggle of dreads there to make sure you continue to express your African heritage through books, shirts, hats, perfumes and incense. They too have things to say on being African in America.

However, many of us just wear the shirts expressing such ideals. Giant prints of iconic Malcolms and Martins, bangles, baubles, beads and wooden zoos about the necks of Howard's veritable army of fashion-conscious temporary Rastas and knot-top fade wearers. Sticks in hands and stones in rings, multiple-pierced heads, latest patois babble over tired baseline on stereos, fake accents when they know they are from Cleveland. Anybody know how to get to Africa? Jamaica, maybe?

Sorry, this is America pal. Sooner or later you will cut your hair or abandon the clown shoes and get a

job like those exemplary individuals scurrying in and out of the anthill known as the School of Business. After all, it is all about money is it not? The degree that you're putting off declaring a major for is your ticket to fame, wealth and independence, right? Howard University is here for you, preparing you to be a credit to your race and put up with all the nonsense that goes on in the real world.

But how can you act academic with so many distractions and when you are living in simulated poverty, crammed into cubicle dorms with no laundry facilities? You make do, overcome, adapt, play your music louder than the next man, don't flush the toilet, write on the walls, leave empty forty ounces in the halls, scream, shout, act savage, but above all, STAY OUT OF THE LIBRARY where, until finals, it is relatively quiet and a decent place to study.

Don't be bitter, all of this is to make that high-salary job you are chasing the degree worth it. Keep in mind that your character is being strengthened and that you will be expected to forget the grief, roaches, late winter shuttles, roaches, filth, noise, bureaucracy and attitude, only to fork over your hard-earned cash and become an alumni supporter.

Welcome, or wake up, to Howard University.

The writer is a senior graduating in the spring of Never.

A Personal Look at Clarence Thomas

Scott McCullom

We are embarking upon the confirmation hearings for Judge Clarence Thomas. In spite of the controversy and opposition from the NAACP, as well as the Congressional Black Caucus, it is likely that Judge Thomas will be confirmed by the Senate.

About a month ago, I had the distinct pleasure of meeting Judge Thomas as well as Senator John C. Danforth (R-MO). Before I met Judge Thomas, I despised him for being what I believed to be ashamed of his race. When I finally met Judge Thomas, I found him to be extremely personable, polite and attentive to my concerns. Judge Thomas did not ask my name nor the name of the person I was working for during our first encounter. Only after we finished speaking did the Judge ask my name and my business on Capitol Hill. He seemed very interested as to what were my interests, plans and goals for the future.

I ran into Judge Thomas two more times that week. I then came to the conclusion that Clarence Thomas was without a doubt an amicable man. While I spoke with him time and time again, questions concerning his experiences as an African-American male kept wearing on my mind.

I wondered if Judge Thomas had heard the many black jokes that I

heard growing up in a predominantly white community. I also wondered if Judge Thomas had ever been called a nigger. The answer, of course, is yes. It is quite impossible to be black in America and not be referred to as a nigger at one point in one's lifetime.

In the February 1987 edition of The Atlantic Monthly, Judge Thomas said, "There is nothing you can do to get past black skin. I don't care how educated you are, how good you are at what you do—you'll never have the same opportunities, you'll never be seen as equal to whites." He also said, "This thing about how they let me into Yale offends me. All they did was stop stopping us."

"All they did was stop stopping us." In a statement Judge Thomas, whether he realized it or not, defined affirmative action. President Bush's issue of quotas in the proposed Civil Rights Bill of 1991 is simply Willie Horton revisited. In other words, a phony scheme devised to prey upon the fears of middle-class white Americans.

Even though I abhor his record while chairman of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, I admire Judge Thomas' accomplishments as a person. He is an outstanding young man who does not really agree with conservatives or liberals. He is his own man and he may be the best appointee we are going to get from President Bush.

Charles Bower said, "Few people are successful unless a lot of other people want them to be." Judge Thomas was not the lone star in gaining his success. There were a lot of people who played major roles in his success story, not to mention a few pieces of legislation. Judge Thomas realizes that fact a great deal more than the media and his critics are willing to acknowledge.

Should Clarence Thomas not be confirmed, it is likely President Bush will appoint another conservative judge. As William Raspberry wrote a couple of months ago, "If given the choice between two conservatives, I'll take the one who's been called a nigger." If Judge Thomas is confirmed this month, I believe he will surprise most of his critics during his tenure on a court chosen to cause no trouble and gradually diminish individual rights. His appointment would be for a lifetime and he may shift further to the left than we expect.

I hope Judge Thomas is the man I perceive him to be and not the "I'm okay, you're okay" man we fear. This country may not survive if Judge Thomas is anything less than a voice for those traditionally mistreated by this country's judicial system.

The writer is a senior who spent the summer interning in the office of Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-NY).

Applause, Applause

Darrell Winston Hill

Applause, applause to Franklyn Jenifer and his new cabinet for their efforts to rouse a sleeping giant from its dormant state. Dr. Jenifer and his board have realized that what is at stake is not a new vision and direction for Howard University, but the very life of Howard University. With the new measures that are being implemented this fall as a part of "Howard 2000", Howard has set itself a place in the 21st century.

Howard University needs to become more competitive. Our students must be able to compete globally and our faculty must be able to prepare us to do so. Howard must be able to attract the best and the brightest students; students who cannot only benefit from, but also contribute to the academic environment of the university. The Howard University index allows the

Office of Admissions to pick and actively recruit students who will be able to appreciate being at the "Hilltop."

Our faculty must become more competitive. Research interests among faculty must be encouraged and rewarded. The primary activity of any institution concerned with ideas should be the creation and discussion of ideas. No longer can research play the diminutive role that it presently does at Howard. Additional research pursuits serve a two-fold purpose: to attract research dollars and to bring recognition and "reputation" to Howard. Additional dollars would help ensure Howard's existence in the future, while recognition and "reputation" ensure a competitive edge for the university.

There is no doubt that there are many who disagree with the implementation of "Howard 2000"

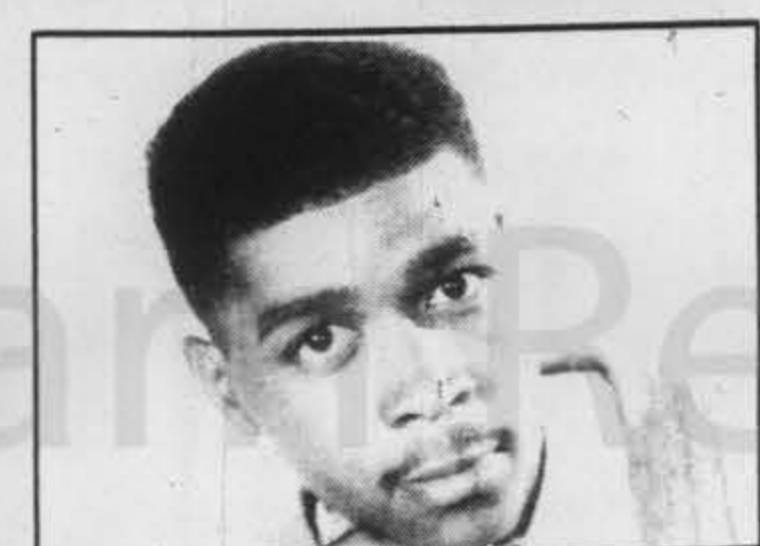
and with the new direction for Howard. The important issue here is not gaining consensus among various schools and colleges, the issue here is to make the necessary changes to ensure Howard's future as a leading institution of higher learning. Dr. Jenifer's recommendations may not be well liked, but inasmuch as they ensure that our children will be able to attend a better Howard University than we now attend; his recommendations should be respected.

There is no doubt that this university holds a lot of potential. Likewise, there is no doubt that this University is nowhere near its potential. Franklyn Jenifer and his new cabinet are taking a bold step in helping Howard to reach its full potential. God be with them! God be with us!

The writer is a graduating senior in the College of Arts and Sciences.

PERSPECTIVE:

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No Such Objectivity

Omar Tyree

There is no such thing as objectivity in news without qualified writers with a knowledgeable background reporting from diversified sources. All humans have some type of cultural bias, economic status, race and sex which makes objectivity the true challenge in news reporting, especially if a reporter has conflicting views. For example, a white-male sports writer may not be culturally qualified to cover a black rap concert. White males have tried to cover news on black America, women, Latinos, Asians and the rest of the world, but objectivity cannot be met by white males alone.

Before rioting broke out in black area of Watts, Detroit, Cleveland, Harlem and here in Washington, D.C., objectivity was sustained for blacks by reading black newspapers. During

and after the riots, the major white newspapers recruited black reporters; they needed diversified sources and qualified reporters who could bring to life the concerns of groups who were not "All-american-apple-pie-white people." Black reporters were needed for their expertise, much like Latino reporters were needed to explain that the riots in Mt. Pleasant this summer were based on better employment needs, discrimination and tension and not youthful anger and vandalism.

Washington, D.C. is at least 70 percent black, yet I witnessed, on a media trip to The Washington Post, that there were four white women and three black men among 25-30 editors. Statistics show that less than 3 percent of the editors at large, white newspapers across the country are black; indeed, the numbers of women, Latino and Asian editors hardly represent their population sizes either. Therefore, those in charge of assignments and the stories that get printed are white males, even though the Washington metropolitan area, including Prince George's county, is at least half black and definitely more than half female. The Washington Post can only be objective if blacks, women and other groups do not count.

A more important point on the subject of objectivity is reporting international news. For instance, I wonder what conscious blacks, Latinos and Asians think about George Bush's "New World Order" backed by a European alliance. Who gave the European Community the

right to claim such a philosophy when white people are a minority in the world. China has four billion people, so if the New York Times wants to be objective about international news, what does China think about Russia's apparent demise? All we see is The Wall Street Journal, The Chicago Sun-Times, The Philadelphia Inquirer and the Los Angeles Times quoting the same wealthy white men on world events. Then ABC, CBS and NBC translate these male-European views into a bible for the American public.

Journalists should write the facts based on a knowledgeable background and not stereotype. Always remember that all people count, not just "authority" figures. I am therefore a strong believer in being black first, and then a reporter and a writer. It is important to let it be known that those individuals who see their craft of journalism as being more important than identity will only succumb to the brainwashing that white males have been able to instill in most Americans since birth.

The generic American is white. I have never heard a white person say "being white is the last thing I am." And my advice to the general public is to think about what you read, hear and watch so that you don't begin quoting white males in authority who claim to be objective. Information is power, but believing in misinformation can destroy your intelligence.

The writer is a senior in the School of Communications.

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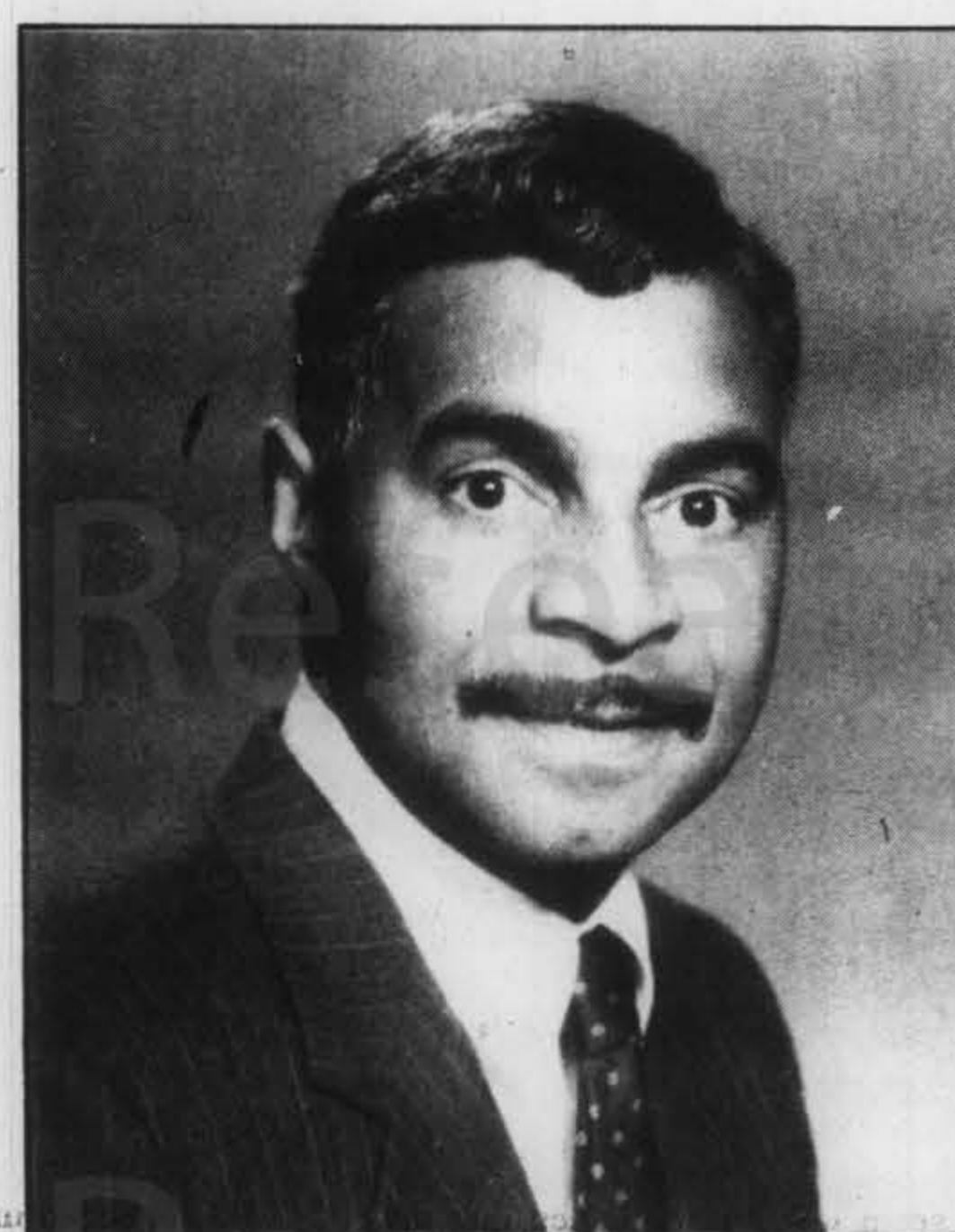
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best, but when used in conjunction with other contraceptives such as spermicides and proper lubricants effectiveness can be increased," Harris said.

Garrett said, all condoms issued by the University are chosen by an administrative staff based on federal approval testing and other clinic's evaluation. Last year, the health center distributed more than 42,000 Lifestyle condoms at a cost of more than \$2,500. Despite admitted student's complaints, officials said the center will continue to circulate the condoms.

Why?

"If a student doesn't know how to use a condom properly then it doesn't matter if they use what the report claims is the best or not it still isn't going to work," Garrett said. "These are not bad condoms...they aren't cheap. As a matter of fact they are one of the more expensive brands."

"We operate on a tight budget," Harris said. "So we order what we can afford. The condoms are recommended by the surgeon general. They're 100 percent latex and are provided free to the students."

Harris said, along with its condoms, they distribute pamphlets which outline the correct way to use the contraceptive in 10 basic steps. By using the condom, instructions and other contraceptives, Garrett said, the condom should give maximum protection.

Howard students, however, said they do not fully except the health center's rebuttal for the Lifestyle condom, claiming that being protected against the risk of pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases is not an issue which can be half stepped. Students demand that they receive the best.

"I think condoms are an integral part of today's society," Jomo Davis, a senior at Howard, said. "Every movie we watch has a sex scene in it. Sex is too much in the spotlight and has twisted our morals and values. Seeing as how a lot of people have taken sex to be a part of being 'en vogue,' condoms have become an important part of our lives."

Officials said, however, they are aware of student's concerns and are doing the best they can considering their budget.

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	LUBRICATION	SPEMICIDE	CONFOUR	COMMENTS
Trojan Plus 2	W	*	*	A
Ramona Extra w/spermicidal lubrication	D	*	--	A,C
PREDICTED MAXIMUM FAILURE RATE OF 4%				
Ramona NuFORM	D	--	*	C
Pleaser Ribbed Lubricated	D	--	*	C,D
PREDICTED MAXIMUM FAILURE RATE OF OVER 10				
Lifestyles Extra Strength w/ nonoxynol-9	D	*	*	D,E,F
Lifestyles Nuda Plus	D	*	*	A,C,D

COURTESY OF CONSUMER REPORTS

Spermicide
These models contain the spermicide nonoxynol-9, but concentration and amounts vary. Most labels say that their spermicide lubricant is not a substitute for the use of vaginal spermicide.

Comments
A-Instructions judged better than most.
B-Instructions judged worse than most.
C-Packaging translucent; could hamper aging.
D-Many peckers not airtight; could hamper aging.
E-Flad this spot.
F-Thicker than most; results in dulled sensitivity.

Shapes varied considerably. Some condoms are flares, others tapered, yet others have

Birth control pill for men a possibility, scientists say HU students are apprehensive

By Tiffany Anderson
Hilltop Staff Writer

A reversible contraceptive for men, either in oral or injection form, could be widely available by the end of this century, according to researchers at Vanderbilt University.

But the day that people accept men walking a mile in women's shoes by taking birth control pills is farther away than many of us may think, according to a survey of 100 Howard students.

The researchers in Nashville, Tenn., have found that injections of a combination of synthetic hormones called GnRH antagonist stopped sperm production without reducing potency or sex drive.

During the testing men received daily injections of the GnRH antagonist and testosterone, which maintained sexual function. However, the chemicals did not stop ejaculation or sex drive. Within eight to 12 weeks, the men had stopped producing sperm, and 10 to 14 weeks after the injections were discontinued all of the men's sperm counts returned to normal, officials said.

Spyros Pavlou, the researcher for the study, said the contraceptive's only side-effect is temporary welts formed at the injection sites such as the arms, abdomen or thighs. However, he added the contraceptive was formulated for stable relationships. "I think a lot of men are waiting on something that will allow them to share the responsibility in family planning," Pavlou said. "Women have been carrying all of these responsibilities until now by using birth control pills, diaphragms, intrauterine devices and things like that."

Despite researchers' optimism, many Howard students said they would not use the contraceptive.

"I really don't trust it," Kevin Campbell, a senior majoring in marketing, said.

"That (contraceptive) was tested by white scientists with white hormones. A black man's hormones are different. How do they know that it would work for us?"

Many students agreed with Campbell, saying there has not been

enough testing or that they didn't trust experiments like the GnRH antagonist because it seemed similar to the Tuskegee Institute experiment.

Most men said the contraceptive did not prevent sexually transmitted diseases, so it would be more convenient to simply use a condom.

"I know this is supposed to be for serious couples," Darrell Davis, a junior majoring in business administration, said.

"But they really need to come up with something more convenient. It's safer for me to just use a condom."

After randomly surveying 48 women, 29 percent said they would want or would consider having their partners take the new birth control compared to 10 percent of the 52 men surveyed. Also 25 percent of 12 northerners, 24 percent of 25

"Too long we have had to take care of being responsible for birth control. It's time that men helped out."

Sonja Morris

southerners, 19 percent of 53 east coast residents and 40 percent of 10 west coast residents said they would use the method.

"Too long we have had to take care of the being responsible for birth control," Sonja Morris, a sophomore majoring in public relations, said. "It's time that men helped out."

Morris' friend, Cynthia Hawkins disagreed.

"I think that most men would see it as a daily inconvenience," Hawkins, a sophomore majoring in political science, said.

"And I don't think that many of them are responsible enough to take it regularly."

Despite the need for further testing, scientist predict the the GnRH antagonist could ultimately be marketed as pills similar to oral contraceptives women now take.

Periodic injections several times a year or implants that would be effective for a few years, like the new Norplant contraceptive for women, would also be available.

Howard University experiencing increase in STDs

By Lawanda Blanchard
Hilltop Staff Writer

Sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) are running rampant throughout America's colleges, experts say, and they are definitely not by-passing Howard University.

According to University Health Center officials, STDs on Howard University's campus are steadily increasing. Although there is no way to predict the upcoming semester, it is "only hoped" that the number of STDs will decrease.

"There is definitely an epidemic of sexually transmitted diseases on this campus," Cassandra Harris, health educator for the University clinic, said. "It's not just Howard, but it's happening all across the country."

Harris said more students are being seen each year for STDs. The most common diseases are chlamydia, herpes and genital warts, gonorrhea and syphilis. According to the 1990-91 Howard University Annual Report, 176 students tested positive for chlamydia, 28 for gonorrhea, 90 for herpes and 18 for syphilis.

Col. McLain G. Garrett, director of the health center, said these figures may seem low, but he added that the University does not perform routine checkups. People who want to be tested simply for a disease are referred to Howard University Hospital and other outside facilities, Harris said. Tests for STDs are only performed during examinations for other illnesses.

Garrett said the estimated number of students who don't report to the clinic is high, but are not calculated into the total number of reported cases.

"Students need to be aware of how to protect themselves," Harris said. "People in this age group are having sex earlier... they need to make sure that they not only use condoms, but use them every time."

Harris added that there is no way to determine the number of students at Howard who may be infected with the HIV virus, but one in 500 college students nationwide are infected with the virus.

"The way I see it now a lot of people aren't responsible about having sex," Desmond Dunham, a

sophomore majoring in computer systems engineering, said. "They're doing it more for recreation than for the true meaning of it."

This year many programs have been implemented to help prevent STDs. Harris said she hopes the mandatory STD sessions for freshmen will help control the diseases.

Dallas Jackson a sophomore majoring in film, who played "Capt. Safe Sex" in the Campus Pals' talent show this year, forewarns all freshmen that sexual diseases do not discriminate.

"Freshmen, look out," Jackson said. "It can and will happen to anyone. I played Capt. Safe Sex. I know what to do, and I'm still scared."

Middle class blacks have low-birth weight babies

By TaNoah V. Sterling
Hilltop Staff Writer

Middle-class black women with college degrees are twice as likely to have low-birth weight babies as white women of the same income and education, according to a study published in the American Journal of Health.

The study, which examined 100,000 Chicago births, showed that black women's risks of having unhealthy babies are increased because of the poor health effects of poverty, which can linger from generation to generation.

However, Howard University Hospital doctors have mixed reviews about the study.

"They are studying blacks versus

whites. They are not studying poverty," Dr. Antoine Fomofud, director of the neonatology division at HU Hospital, said. "They are making the assumption that these college-educated [black] people were born in poverty."

Fomofud said the only way to tell if health effects of poverty linger is by studying a group of poor people whose children have become affluent against those affluent people whose children have maintained affluency.

Experts say low-birth weight babies, which weigh 5 lbs. 8 oz. and under, have a greater chance of having learning disabilities, mental retardations, cerebral palsy and systems and organ failures, which can result in death.

Fomofud said there are many variables to consider as causes for low birth-weight incidents, but birth weight is largely a reflection of the mother's current socioeconomic status, not previous. He said low-birth weight is a symptom of a much larger problem.

"Low-birth weight is a barometer of the health of any nation and its people. If black people have a lower birth weight than white people it is because they don't have the same facilities as the others... their Caucasian counterparts," Fomofud said.

Cecile Edwards, a professor in the department of nutritional sciences, disagreed.

"It's feasible [if the] health

effects of poverty include an improper diet," she said. "If a mother is a low-birth weight baby, the likelihood of her baby being low birth weight is greater."

Edwards said even the grandmother's health can affect the baby's birth weight because of the nutritional information that the grandmother gives to the mother.

"There are many factors [that contribute to] how a woman would fare in pregnancy," she said, nutrition being one of the most important factors.

"Women can't start [taking care of herself] after they conceive and hope to have a healthy baby. They must bring a healthy body into the pregnancy," Edwards said.

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Freshman fight battle of bulge

By Natalie Tillis
Hilltop Staff Writer

It's called Freshmen 15 - a concern that has become prominent in the minds of incoming freshmen. And according to many upperclassmen, it's an experience they won't soon forget.

"I thought I would just eat three meals a day and the increased activity would keep the weight off," Sophomore Debra Mayfield said.

"October came around and that mentality disappeared. Your will power completely breaks down. Everyone's eating pizza at 11 p.m., and you want to be a part of it."

Mayfield is talking about is weight gain. It has been printed in teen magazines and circulated by word of mouth that many incoming freshmen gain anywhere from five to 15 pounds because of sudden changes in lifestyle and eating habits.

The process has been labeled the "Freshman 15", and it does not discriminate.

This year, however, the University cafeteria has implemented a mandatory meal plan for all incoming freshmen living in on-campus housing. This mandatory plan may be part of a solution to the "Freshman 15" because it provides students with a variety of nutritional foods.

Eva K. Dugger, a nutritionist in

"You don't realize that it's your taste that's not satisfied, not your tummy."

Julian Bostic

Howard University's department of allied sciences said the program's effectiveness will depend on how students use it, pointing out that many lose weight their first semester of college.

"Some (students) may supplement their diets with high-calorie fast food and gain weight,

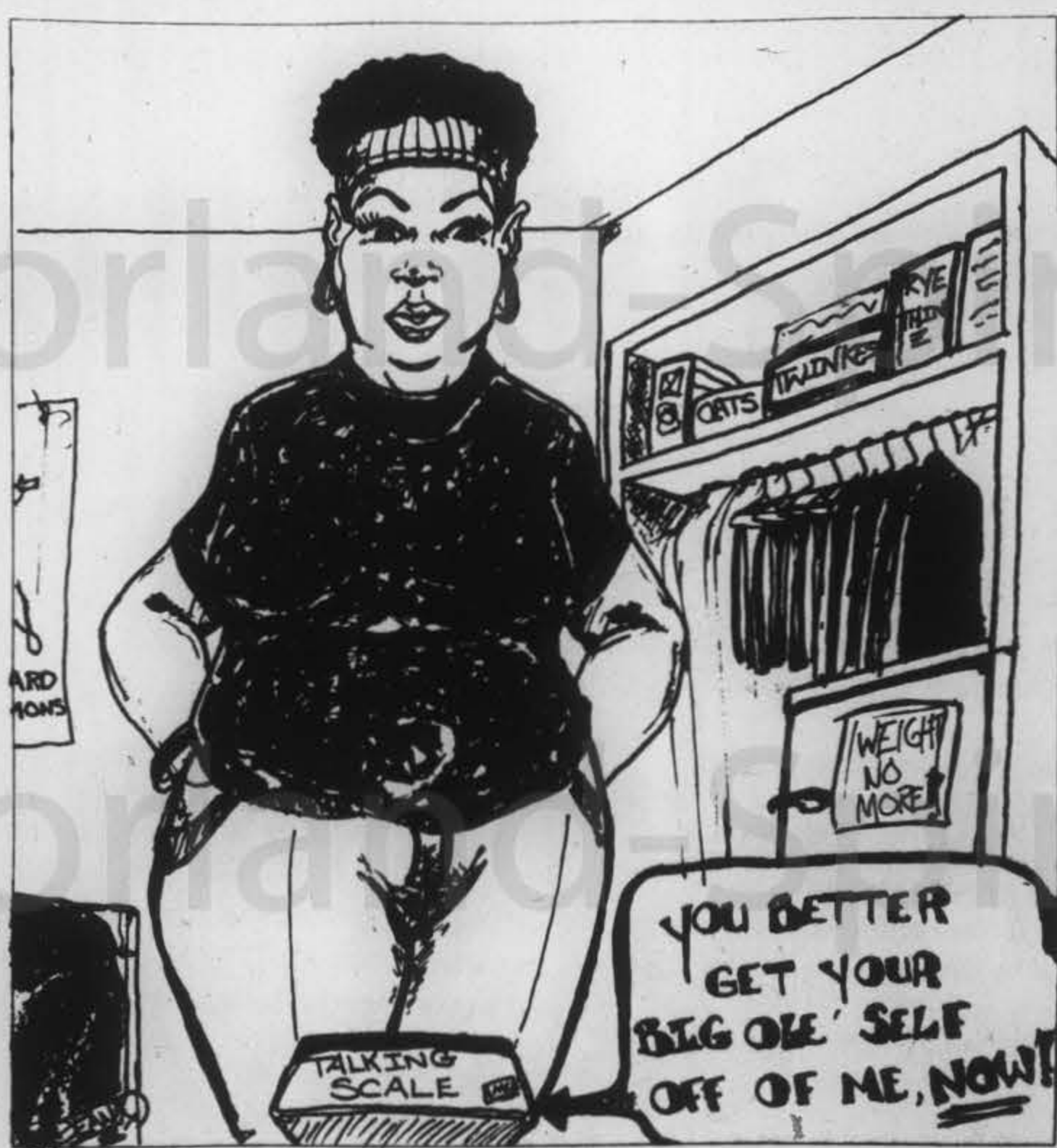
while others increase their activity level, and lose weight," she said.

Sophomore Julian Bostic said he believes the program may not work as effectively as many experts think.

"The food in the caf is no smash hit, but when you are hungry you eat it," Bostic said. "After you eat one plate, you aren't satisfied. You keep going back for more. You don't realize that it's not your taste that's not satisfied, it's your tummy."

According to Dugger, to prevent weight gain students must follow their original food pattern. It is also important to keep activity levels up and eat meals which include food from the four basic food groups.

The Weight No More program, a weight loss program offered free to Howard Students will be held every Monday at 3 p.m. and Thursday at 10 a.m. in the classroom of the Student Health Center Annex. Students are encouraged to call the Office of Health Education at 806-6927 for more information.



INTERNATIONAL

United government goal for Liberians

By Shawnee Smith
Hilltop Staff Writer

What started as a freed slave nation in Africa in 1847 has now become a country destroyed by civil war. Today Liberia finds itself struggling for democracy between three groups: two rebel groups and the interim government in power.

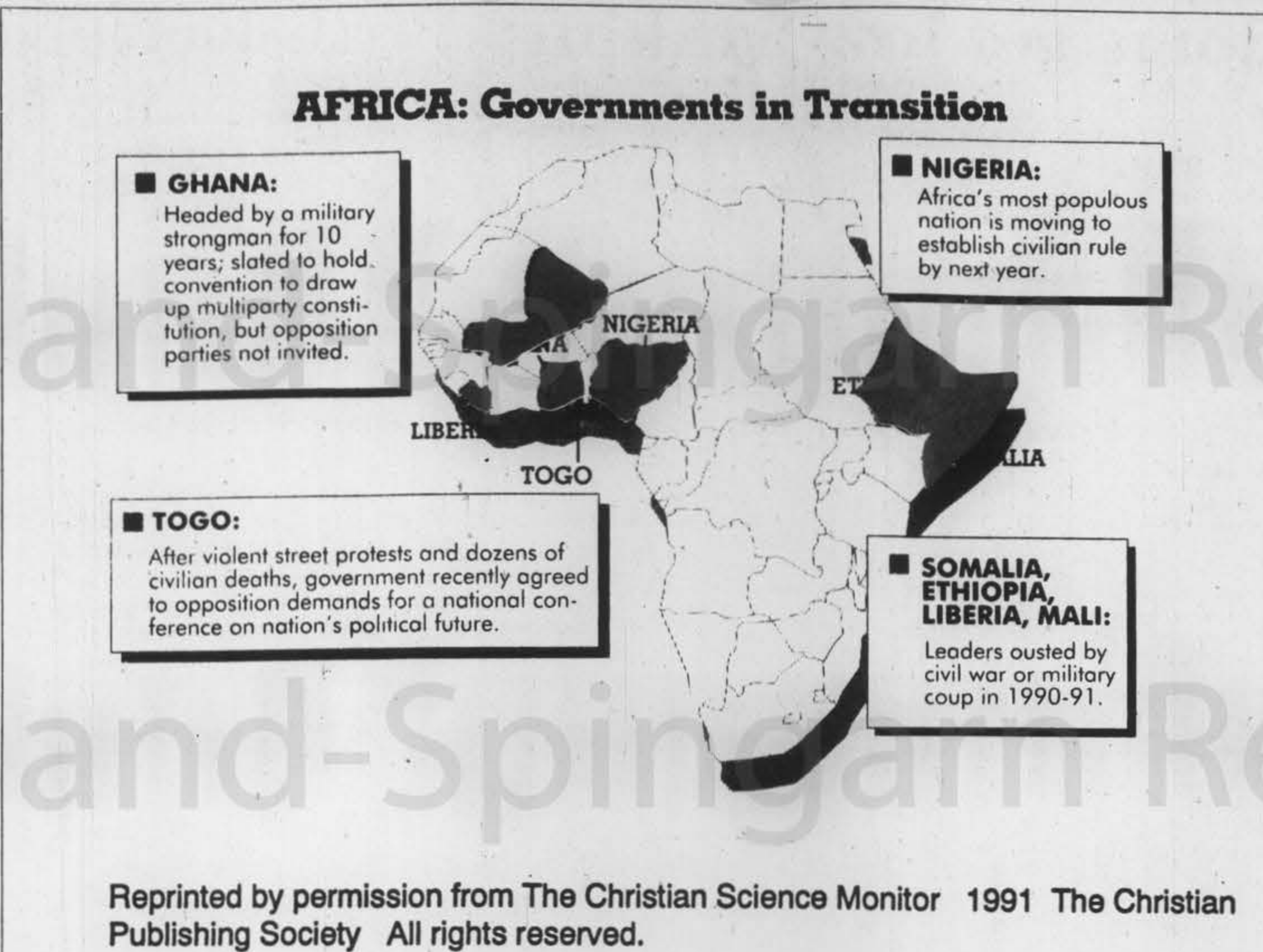
After former Liberian President Samuel Doe was assassinated in September 1990, the Economic Community of West African States installed Amos Sawyer as the interim president until Liberia could safely conduct free democratic elections.

Charles Taylor, head of the National Patriotic Front of Liberia (NPFL), had other plans. He proclaimed himself president and "set up a capital" in the countryside of Liberia.

Prince Yeduo Johnson, head of the Independent Patriotic Front of Liberia, is also known as president of Liberia. He controls the area in and around Monrovia, the nation's capital.

Johnson was once a member of the NPFL, but he broke away from Taylor's camp because of differences. Johnson's rebel faction is responsible for the assassination of former president Samuel Doe.

The Economic Community of West African States plays a large role in trying to piece a democratic government together. Occupying Liberia since 1990, the group has tried to organize a government where



all tribes will be equally represented.

"The reason for the war is tribalism - that's all," Dahn F. Saiyee said in an interview with *Newsweek*.

The history of the nation dictates just that. Doe rescued the Krahn, Gios and Manos tribes from oppression by the descendants of the nation's founders. Johnson and Taylor, in turn, believe that they rescued the rest of the population from Krahn domination under Doe. Johnson blames Doe's ten-year reign with the economic and civil turmoil of the nation.

The interim government is now at a deadlock for peace and a democratic government because they are trying to meet with each rebel group and find a solution. Taylor refuses to meet with them, unless they adopt his solution.

Taylor proposed that the new government be a ruling triumvirate with a chairman and two co-chairmen. The chairman is not allowed to run for elective office while the co-chairmen have the option, as long as they resign before they begin to campaign.

ECOWAS is refusing Taylor's proposal because it gives Taylor a chance to govern the nation on a trial and error basis and decide whether or not he wishes to run for permanent office.

As a result of the civil war, half the population have fled. Hiram Ruiz, a policy analyst for the U.S. Committee for Refugees, in an interview with *Global Africa*, a local newsletter produced by Reunion Communications, said 780,000 refugees are outside the nation and

half a million are displaced within Liberia.

Doe was known for televising the assassination of the former regime by his intoxicated soldiers. Johnson taped the torture of Doe, and allowed several foreign journalists to view the tape (Doe's autopsy reported crushed fingers and both ears missing. Johnson claims he made Doe eat them). Taylor openly discusses with unofficial militia men (young lookouts in the area) whom he has killed, how they were killed and who is next.

With choices like Johnson and Taylor as the only wide supported presidential candidates, there is no telling when the ECOWAS will decide that Liberia is ready for free democratic elections.

component. The U.S. is the Dominican Republic's biggest economic supporter asserts Simidor.

Under the United States Generalized System of Preferences, the Dominican Republic enjoys a series of preferential quotas that help bolster its economy.

The United States has addressed the Haitian Worker's situation to Dominican President Joaquin Balaguer and his government, but has not taken any serious action.

The Haitian Information Center plans to continue its campaign and hopes to bring the situation to a head in the near future. They have scheduled a rally on Sept. 17, 1991 outside the United Nations building in New York.

Simidor said, "We hope to have a major rally which will raise international attention and concern. The date is very important because it coincides with the opening of the United Nations General Assembly's next session."

Shortly after this, Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide is scheduled to address the United Nations. He is expected to speak on the situation with the Dominican Republic.

For more information on The Campaign against the Enslavement of Haitians in Dominican Republic, contact:

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borderline slave conditions.

Gregory Duquella, a Haitian-American student at Ithaca College, who attended the rally said, "Dominicans have a long history of mistreating Haitian workers. It's important that we finally get together and make an effort to change these conditions."

Daniel Simidor, an organizer for the Haitian Information Center's Campaign against Enslavement of Haitians in the Dominican Republic, said, "Our first aim is to organize the Haitian community and with support from the greater black community, raise international opinion and action against the Dominican Republic."

"The Dominican economy is based on three things: Sugar export, tourism and foreign aid. We would like to bring an international boycott of these areas if situations are not drastically changed," Simidor said.

For any such boycott to work, the United States would have to be a key

Ethiopian coalition pushes for free elections

By Corrin Johnson
Hilltop Staff Writer

Seeking conditions where Ethiopians will experience the democratic ideals of freedom of speech and religion as well as multi-party politics, a coalition of ethnic organizations in that country has organized to form a new government.

The Ethiopian Peoples Revolutionary Democratic Front (EPRDF) in May overthrew the Marxist Regime installed in Ethiopia sixteen years ago and now is promising free elections within two and a half years.

The EPRDF is a guerrilla coalition. Guerrilla members carry out sabotage and warfare in an independent unit. The troops numbering 70,000 are comprised of six regional and ethnic based rebel groups, but are dominated by rebels from the Tigray's People's Liberation Front. One of their goals is to obtain free market policies.

Unlike the EPRDF, the EPFL operates in a different part of the country. It is the oldest organized group which has been fighting a 30-year war against the government in Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia.

The Oromo Liberation Front (OLF) is a much smaller rebel group with 7,000 troops. The OLF advocates self determination and emphasizes Omo culture and language.

"We are not happy because we won; we do not enjoy the murder and killing. What we are praying for is the chance for this country [Ethiopia] to be free," said Kebede Kahasai in an interview with the *Christian Science Monitor*. Kahasai has been fighting with the Tigray's People

Liberation Front since 1975. Instead of attempting to secede, the groups called for the overthrow of President Mengistu Haile Mariam, who emerged as leader of the Marxist revolutionary government in 1976.

With the successful unseating of Mariam's Ethiopian government by the EPRDF, the three groups are trying to inaugurate a transitional government and are promising internationally supervised free elections within two and a half years.

The EPRDF has commissioned a conference to discuss democracy and peace. Participants in the conference have insisted that the leaders in the transitional government be from different ethnic or rebel organizations.

"After 3,000 years, different nationalities (ethnic groups) are glued together ... to establish a democratic country. If it will be successful, I don't know, but we should be allowed to start it," said Befakadul Dibaba, an OLF member, in an interview with the *Monitor*.

Allen Cook, a junior in the School of Business, who has family living in Ethiopia worries that rule by the Democratic Front would amount to little more than hard line socialism followed by the former regime of President Mengistu Haile Mariam.

"I just cannot see how people who were brought up in a society of Marxist ideas, can suddenly and effectively practice democracy," Cook said.

"I just hope that Ethiopia doesn't turn out like Liberia or Somalia where rival rebels oust a dictator only to turn on each other," one member of the African Student Association who asked not be identified.

Protesters demand end to mistreatment

By Edgar Bastien, Jr.
Hilltop Staff Writer

Members of the Haitian community, seeking to change the working conditions of illegal Haitian immigrants to the Dominican Republic gathered to protest outside the Dominican Consulate in New York on Aug. 15, 1991.

The protest was part of an ongoing campaign organized by the Brooklyn, New York based Haitian Information Center. Their goal is to bring about a complete redress of the human rights violations against illegal Haitian immigrants forced to work on Dominican sugar plantations.

Sources state that there are an estimated 800,000 illegal Haitians forced to work on the sugar plantations in the Dominican Republic. The Haitian immigrants enter the Dominican Republic seeking work under false agreements.

Once they arrive, they are taken into custody by Dominican military troops and they are not allowed to leave. The Haitians are kept in custody and are forced to work under



Eye on Afrika

Editor's Note: This is the first of a bi-weekly column designed to briefly review recent events on the continent of Africa. The spelling of "Afrika" is indicative of how the continent is spelled in the West African languages.

Somalia

Former President Mohamed Siad Barre was forced to flee Mogadishu after rebel forces seized the Capital and took control of the country. President Siad Barre has been battling rebel groups for years. Throughout Barre's 14 year reign, he has made no significant economical, technological, or educational changes in the country.

Togo

President Gnassingbe Eyadema finally agreed to step down as president and surrender power to an interim Prime Minister, Kokou Koffigoh, in Lome, the nation's capital. After ruling for more than 24 years, President Eyadema was forced to heed to the cries of the people for a democratic form of government.

Sierra Leone

For the past four months the Sierra Leone government has encountered increasing problems. The rate of unemployment is at a steady 2 percent everyday along with daily border disputes.

Ethiopia

After more than 17 years as Head of State, Mengistu Haile Mariam was forced to flee Addis Ababa and seek refuge in Zimbabwe. Rebel forces from the Eritrean Peoples Liberation Front and the Ethiopian Peoples Revolutionary Democracy Front, along with other rebel groups seized power in Ethiopia ending Mengistu's reign as president.

President Mariam's rule was plagued with constant civil war, periodic famines and a high degree of corruption. In spite of the negative publicity, Mengistu refused on many occasions to step down from power.

Before his removal from office Mariam had brought little development to Ethiopia thus making it one of the poorest countries in the world.

Angola

Sixteen years of civil war recently ended in Angola, sparking the creation of more than half a dozen vocal political opposition parties, including the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA) and the Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA), in what used to be one of Africa's most controlled Marxist-Leninist countries.

Zaire

President Mobutu Sese Seko is one of the wealthiest individuals in one of the poorest countries in the world.

There is increasing opposition to his government and many International organizations and U.S. magazines are now beginning to question Zaire's political and economic crisis.

Cape Verde, Benin, Sao Tome and Principe

In elections in Benin, Economist Nicephore Soglo defeated dictator Mathieu Kerekou. While in Sao Tome and Principe, The Democratic Convergence party won the country's first multi-party election.

In Cape Verde, the Movement for Democracy won that country's first free and fair election.

Mali

Since Moussa Traore, Mali's president for 22 years, was toppled in March, a multi-party system has been established.

Cameroon, Congo, Ivory Coast, Zambia and Madagascar

Leaders in these nations have all been forced to accept pluralistic reforms and change their one party systems. Many of them will be hard pressed to hold power.

Chad

Rebel leader Idriss Deby, once supporter and close aid of former president Halore is now firmly in control of Chad after he ousted Hassen Halore from office.

One of the world's poorest countries, Chad is having political and social problems with no major exports or natural resources. The Idriss government is taking over the government with major and immediate changes needed.

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LOCAL/NATIONAL

Thomas could hurt young blacks, HU law students say

By Tamara Holmes
Hilltop Staff Writer

When Thurgood Marshall announced that he would step down from the Supreme Court, controversy immediately followed his resignation. Not only did Marshall's unexpected exit from the country's highest court result in a reevaluation of the plight of blacks in America, but it thrust into the spotlight one of the year's most controversial judges—Clarence Thomas.

A new member of the Supreme Court can affect the legal rulings of past court sessions. Across the country, political and social

organizations are contemplating how Thomas' appointment to the Court would affect them.

Since the day President George Bush named Thomas as his choice to replace Marshall, the 43-year-old appellate court judge has been criticized tremendously by blacks and other minority groups for his conservative views. He has been attacked by many in the black community and groups such as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the National Conference of Black Lawyers have opposed his nomination.

For black college students, the

primary question is what will Thomas' nomination mean to the future leaders of the black community.

Thomas' views on legal and social issues will have a tremendous effect on young, black college students, said second-year Howard University Law student Sheldon Bassarath.

"It depends on whether he makes decisions according to his track record," Bassarath said.

Thomas' views on educational issues were recorded most prominently when he served as assistant secretary for civil rights at the Department of Education from May 1981 until May 1982.

Thomas was held in contempt of court after he failed to enforce an order, which, according to several opposition groups, would have funnelled millions of dollars into the historically black colleges. Thomas admitted that he failed to implement the order.

One of his most publicized ideas is his view on affirmative action. Thomas has said that it is "insane for blacks to expect relief from the federal government for years of discrimination as it is to expect a mugger to nurse his victims back to health."

How would Thomas' views on affirmative action affect students at

Howard University? John Ashmeade, also a second-year Howard law student, argued that Thomas' ideas about affirmative action are dangerous because, according to Ashmeade, "self help is not enough. Affirmative action is not enough. Affirmative action needs self-help in order to be effective."

Bassarath believes that if Thomas votes against affirmative action, the result would hinder young blacks who need jobs. "I'm sure it would keep a lot of young blacks out of the job market if its struck down."

Ashmeade said the idea of self-help is nothing new.

"People look at (self-help) as a

new idea," Ashmeade said. "But people like Jesse Jackson and Louis Farrakhan have been talking about it for years."

Thomas' controversial views are not solely the cause of controversy. According to Ashmeade, Bush is pushing for a new conservative of leadership in black community. The black community, Ashmeade said, which has largely identified with liberal democrats in the past, resents this voice.

Ashmeade said whether that voice supports minority rights or ignores them could make a difference to the black community.

Howard + Community = Progress

Community Profile

By Dakota Ramseur
Special to the Hilltop

W. Rap Pearson and Talib Karim are down with the Howard University Student Association's Community Outreach program and according to them other Howard students should be too.

Karim, director of the CO, said working in the community is everyone's responsibility. "It doesn't matter how, as long as it's done. It could be as simple as stopping kids on the street from playing with glass."

Pearson, the program's co-director said that Howard University Student Association (HUSA) "wanted to strengthen the relationship between Howard and the community," Pearson said.

"We wanted to break down the image that Howard University was not part of our (black) community," Karim said.

Karim, after seeing neighborhood youth in the Armour J. Blackburn Center, organized them so each worked in an office in "power hall" (the area in the Blackburn center where student government offices are located).

"Initially the kids were discouraged because they wanted to get paid. I had to convince them that learning office skills and finding out about college life were just as rewarding," Karim said.

Community service is nothing new to Pearson and Karim. Pearson worked in his community in Kansas with his father, who he said "was very active with illiteracy programs and political education." When he came to Howard, Pearson volunteered at Martha's Table, a youth center, where he was eventually offered a job. "I'm happy to be getting paid, but I would do it regardless," Pearson said.

Karim said that his sense of service comes from his parents. Instead of working in corporate America, they decided to open a school that would train inner city children and parents how to be professionals and prepare them for the technological advances of the 21st century.

Both Pearson and Karim hope that more people will get involved in community activities. "It's not enough for one or two people, here and there to volunteer every now and then. It has to be most people, everywhere, always willing to help another person out," Pearson said.

Community Calendar

The following is a list of community oriented activities that students are invited to participate in:

CBC Weekend

Congressional Black Caucus Legislative Weekend Youth Braintrust:

On Sept. 13, from 2 p.m. - 5 p.m., Howard University students will be featured in a workshop highlighting successful community service efforts within the African community. The forum will focus on programs that are aimed at developing inner-city youth in our community. The Braintrust will be held in Rm. 2172 of the Rayburn House Office building, on Capitol Hill. For more information on the CBC activities call (202) 226-7790

Community Outreach Field Trip

Howard University Student Association Community Outreach Weekend field trip to Ujamaa Shule.

Howard University students will take area youth to Ujamaa Shule, one of the nation's oldest Afrocentric schools and expose them to an afternoon of educational and cultural enlightenment. Ujamaa Shule is located on 8th and Q St., N.W. For more information on participating in the weekend field trips call (202) 806-7007.

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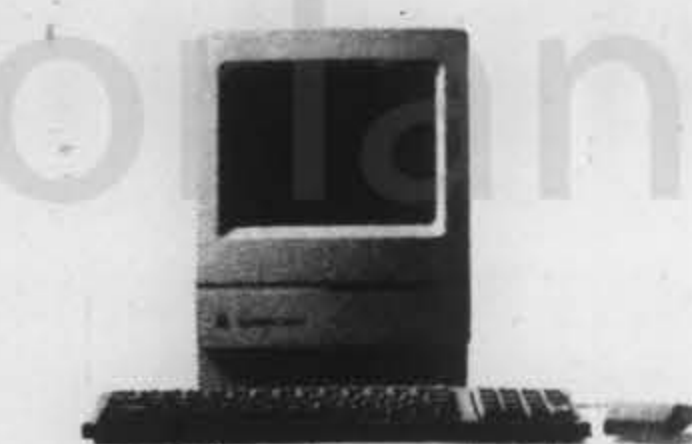
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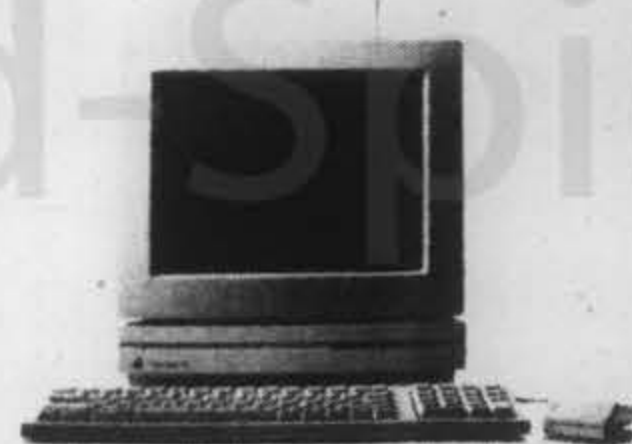
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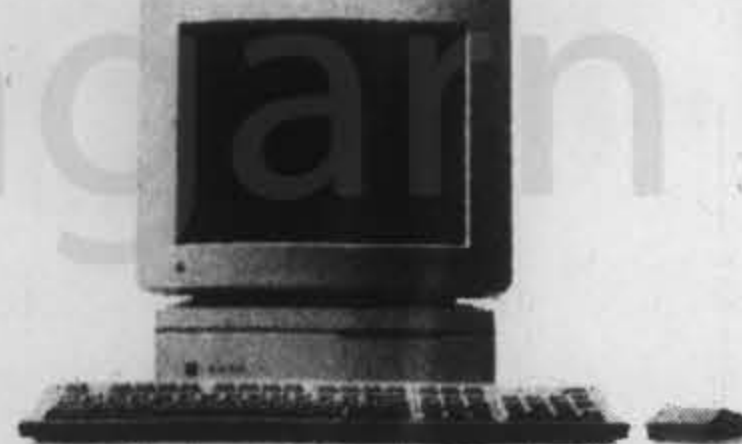
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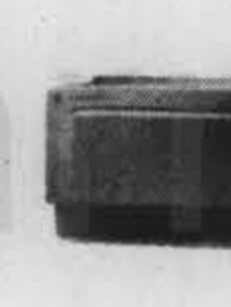
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Schools and colleges announce faculty changes:

College of Allied Health Sciences
Dr. Jene Jary-Williams, founding chairman of physical therapy, has been named acting dean. There is a search for a new dean being conducted.

position is now vacant.

College of Arts and Sciences
Dr. Florence B. Bonner was appointed chairman of the department of sociology and anthropology. Dr. James J. Davis is the new interim chairman of the department of romance languages. The new chairman of the department of physics and astronomy is Dr. Sylvester James Gates, Sr. Dr. Emory J. Tolbert has been named chairman of the department of history.

School of Business
Dr. Lawrence A. Johnson was appointed dean. Dr. Johnson, former marketing department chair, replaces acting dean Dr. Barron H. Harvey.

School of Communications
Dr. Lawrence Kaggwa stepped down from the position of journalism department chair. Associate Dean Clint Wilson will serve as interim chairman.

School of Continuing Education
Dr. John White, assistant dean for programs retired. The position is vacant.

College of Dentistry
Dr. Robert S. Knight serves as acting dean, replacing the retired Dean Jeanne C. Sinkford. Currently, there is a search being conducted for a new dean. Associate Dean of Clinical Dentistry Dr. John B. Boyd retired. William Kate currently holds the position. Garrett Ridgely Sr., chair of restorative dentistry, retired. The

School of Divinity
Acting Dean Dr. Clarence G. Newson replaces retired Dean Dr. Lawrence N. Jones. Delores Carpenter acts as associate dean.

School of Education
Dr. Faustine Jones-Wilson serves as acting dean. The department of curriculum and teaching has been renamed the department of curriculum and instruction. Sandra Smith chairs the department. The department of education leadership and community services and foundations of education merged to form the department of educational administration and policy, chaired by Dr. Paul Emoungu. Psychoeducational studies is now chaired by Wilford Johnson. The School of Human Ecology's human development department is now housed under the School of Education, chaired by Hakin Rhashid. In addition, the pre-school center is under the direction of Adele McQueen. Ruth Palmer chairs the educational research department.

College of Fine Arts
Dr. Jeff R. Donaldson serves as acting dean. Dr. J. Weldon Norris has been named associate dean and Dr. Tritobia Benjamin has been named assistant dean.

College of Medicine
Dr. Kenneth Olden is chairman of the department of oncology. Dr. Alfred Goldson is acting chairman of radiation and therapy.

School of Social Work
Dr. Marie Coles-Baker has been named the new assistant dean.

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blood, and on my leg, there were cuts everywhere. My leg was broken when they put ankle cuffs on. They thought it was funny. They were pulling on me, trying to make me walk before I got to the hospital. I told them I thought it was broken, but they didn't seem to care," Young said. Police took Young to D.C. General Hospital after taking several other guys who were in the paddy wagon to the police station. Young refused treatment.

"I refused treatment because they had ankle cuffs on my ankles. Then they stuck me in a cell inside the hospital. There was just a board where a mattress was supposed to be. There was nowhere for me to elevate my leg," the freshman majoring in international business said.

"An officer told me it was standard procedure. It was in my best interest that I refused treatment because they weren't taking care of me. They were just making it worse," Young said.

Young said he noticed that his gold chain was missing. Then he said he cried.

"One of them had to snatch it off. There was a charm on it that my mom got from Africa, a lion's claw. I liked it a lot, and I know I can't get another one like it," Young said.

Young admits to becoming somewhat disorderly at the hospital.

"I was calling the police names. I pointed to a white cop and said 'It wasn't even your kind. It was my own brothers who did this to me,'" Young said.

It wasn't until he left the hospital and returned to the police station that Young was told that he had been charged with disorderly conduct.

Troy Mickens, a sophomore majoring in English from Woodbridge, Va., was in the car with Young when the incident occurred. He supports Young's story and said when police were beating Young, he was told to "shut-up and get back in the car. It's none of your business."

After the incident, Mickens said he drove back home to contact Young's father, then went to the police station. While waiting for Young to return from the hospital, Mickens paid Young's fine and Young was released.

"Troy paid \$25, saying that I refuse to go to court and I admit my guilt. But he's not a relative and the only person who can sign that is me. I was never even given the opportunity to sign it," Young said. After being released from custody, Young went straight to Howard University Hospital where he was treated.

Young's father, a member of the Howard Board of Trustees, arrived in Washington Wednesday for the Congressional Black Caucus Legislative Weekend.

When asked what his next move will be, Young said that he had been instructed not to comment.

"All I can say is that we are filing a complaint against the police department. As far as a lawsuit, that decision hasn't really been made yet," Young said.

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second-in-command of the escort service, said he hopes the service will be used.

"This is something people asked for, so it should be utilized. If it is not used, it will be taken away," Williams said.

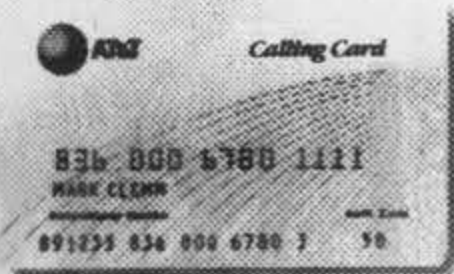
Ferris added that the service is not a

solution to all the problems, but it is a "step in the right direction."

If anyone wishes to help with the service or has any suggestions for it, they are encouraged to contact Ferris or William Brown, the administrator-in-charge and a crime prevention officer, at the escort phone number.



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It's whose prerogative?

Director Spike Lee to do own thing in upcoming *Malcom X* film

By Herb Boyd
Special To The Hilltop

In a sharply worded open letter to filmmaker Spike Lee, a group of New York community activists, calling themselves the United Front to Preserve the Legacy of Malcolm X and the Cultural Revolution, expressed a deep concern that Lee's film on Malcolm X not fall victim to the "retrograde" or backward trend now sweeping the nation and wiping out the hard-won victories of the past.



Director Spike Lee.

"We are told," the letter disclosed, "Spike Lee is going to make a film on Malcolm X's life. Just as we were told that Do The Right Thing would deal with the Howard Beach lynching."

"But Do The Right Thing reduced the Black Liberation Movement to a comic burlesque demanding black flicks in a pizza parlor led by the

bugged out."

Continuing its critique of Lee's films, the letter which included such noted signers as Amiri Baraka, Elombe Brath and Father Lawrence Lucas said their distress about Lee's making a film on Malcolm X, scheduled for release Christmas 1992, was based on an analysis of the films he has already made.



Malcolm X.

The protesting writers contend that Malcolm X is not a commercial property and warn that mass protests will be staged if Malcolm's life is distorted, belittled or caricatured in any way. The letter, which was hand delivered to Lee in Brooklyn by Baraka and a delegation, prompted a response by Lee in a telephone interview with the *Amsterdam News*.

"I'm gonna make the kind of film I want to make," Lee said. "While I respect the concerns of the writers of the letter, this film will not be made by a committee."

Lee was particularly annoyed with Baraka. It seems Baraka had been commissioned by Lee to write an essay on Lee's films but submitted an unacceptable draft. Apparently miffed by the rejection, Baraka made an abbreviated version of his critique the basis of the open letter.

"And who appointed Baraka chairman of the African-American arts committee?" Lee asked sarcastically. "Nobody tells him what poems and plays to write, so why is he trying to tell me what kind of film to make? He can write whatever he wants and I want the freedom to make my films."

Lee said he was only eight years old when Malcolm X was assassinated in 1965. "Baraka was LeRoi Jones, living with a white woman in Greenwich Village, and only went running to Harlem after Malcolm was dead. I was eight. What's Baraka's excuse?" Lee asked again.

"Look," he explained, "I will make the best film I know how. There will be no input before we shoot; it is not up for community approval. If they want to know how I will deal with Malcolm, they can wait and pay their \$7.50. Then they can criticize all they want."

The Honorable Al Freeman

HU professor to star in Spike Lee's new joint, *Malcolm X*

By Joyce Davis
Hilltop Staff Writer

Veteran actor Al Freeman, a professor in the College of Fine Arts, is expanding his portfolio of characters by portraying the honorable Elijah Muhammed in Spike Lee's new movie *Malcolm X*.

Ironically, this is not the first time Freeman has been involved in a Malcolm X project. Twenty years ago, according to Freeman, he directed a Warner Bros. Inc. biographical/documentary highlighting the life of the controversial 1960s figure.

"Back then, this was a difficult project they were asking me to head. There was a lot of intense feeling in the community concerning it and I believe they needed a spook to sit by the door, so to speak," Freeman said.

Freeman anticipated that playing the part of Elijah in the Spike Lee production of *Malcolm X* would be more challenging than previous roles he has played because of the emotions the character dredges up.

"I question my own ability to be faithful to this man, his spirit and his convictions. I don't think it's going to be easy," said Freeman, who began filming in New York during the third week in August.

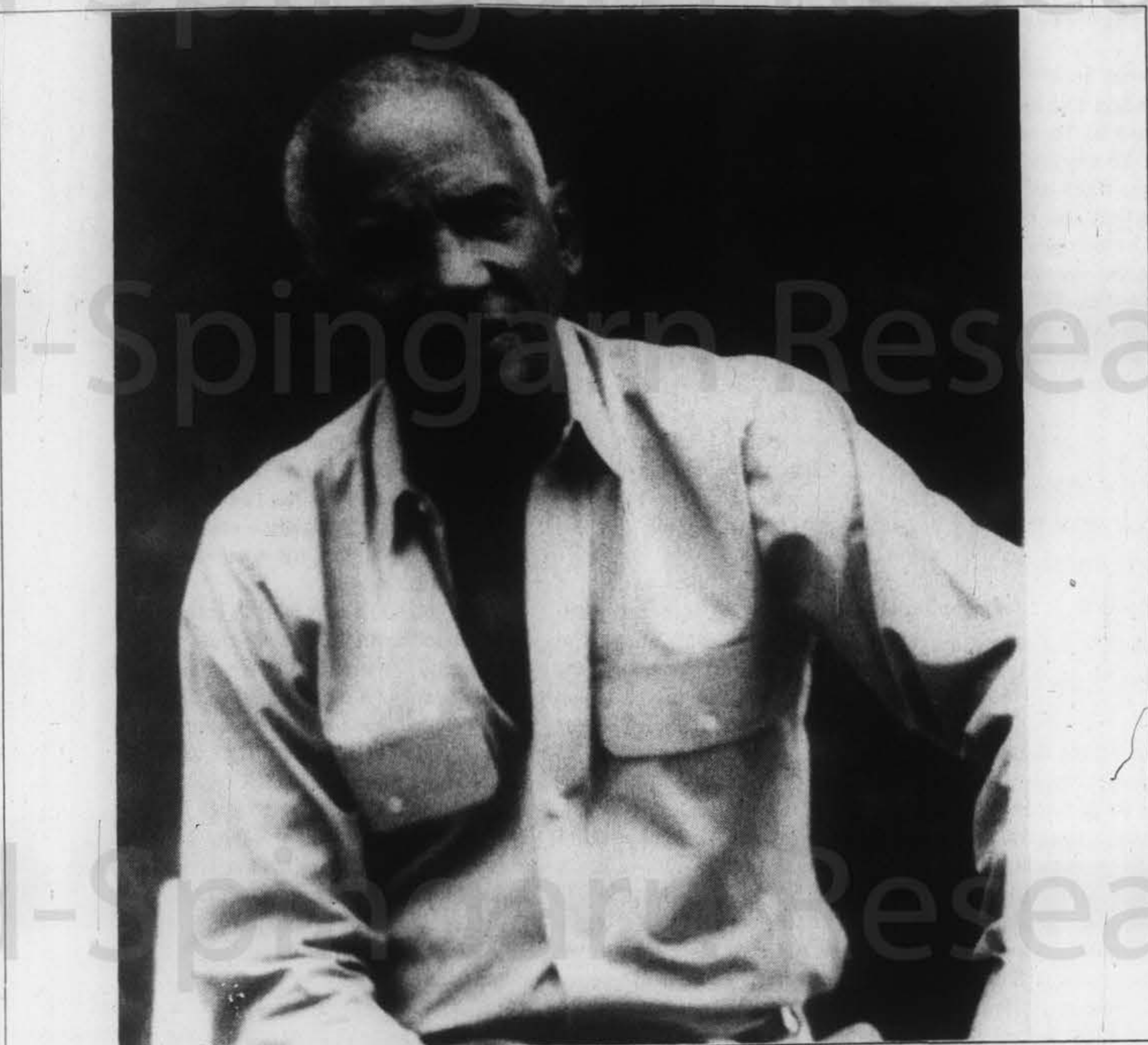
Along with Lee, Freeman will work with Denzel Washington, who is playing the title role.

"Denzel is a fine young actor and I am looking forward to working with him. I have no reservations about working with him and I think he'll do a good job."

Freeman, 57, has been in "the business" for at least 40 years, appearing in a number of television shows and theater productions, and is the recipient of an Emmy Award.

Freeman was offered a position on the fine arts faculty in the fall of 1990, after the dean of the college, Dr. Carol Singleton, was impressed with the class that he taught as the 1989 Fine Arts Artist in Residence.

He has directed a number of plays in the school and appeared in last spring's performance of *Ceremonies of Dark Old Men*.



Al Freeman of *One Life to Live* fame will now appear as Elijah Muhammad in *Malcolm X*.

New Schultz film shows ups and downs to *Livin' Large!*

By Debroah Mayfield
Hilltop Staff Writer

With the surge of young black directors, veteran director Michael Schultz returns to the silver screen in his new debut film, *Livin' Large*.

Schultz, best known for the film *Car Wash* and cult classic *Cooley High*, is now bringing a comedy depicting the struggles of a young black man trying to make it in the world of television news, while holding onto his identity and moral responsibilities as a minority.

The film is set in present-day Atlanta where the main "homeboy," Dexter Jackson, played by newcomer Terrence "T.C." Carson, is desperately scratching at the heels of broadcast journalism.

Then one day it happens.

Out on the streets with his camera equipment to perform his daily ritual of anchoring his mock news report, Dexter stumbles upon a hostage crisis. When the anchor of the news team covering the crisis is shot by the gunman holding the hostages, Dexter sees the perfect opportunity to prove himself as good news reporter.

Mustering up all the meddle he can

find within himself, Dexter covers the crisis with historical, yet charming honesty and heroism. The producer of the news show recognizes Dexter's talent and within weeks, Dexter is an overnight sensation.

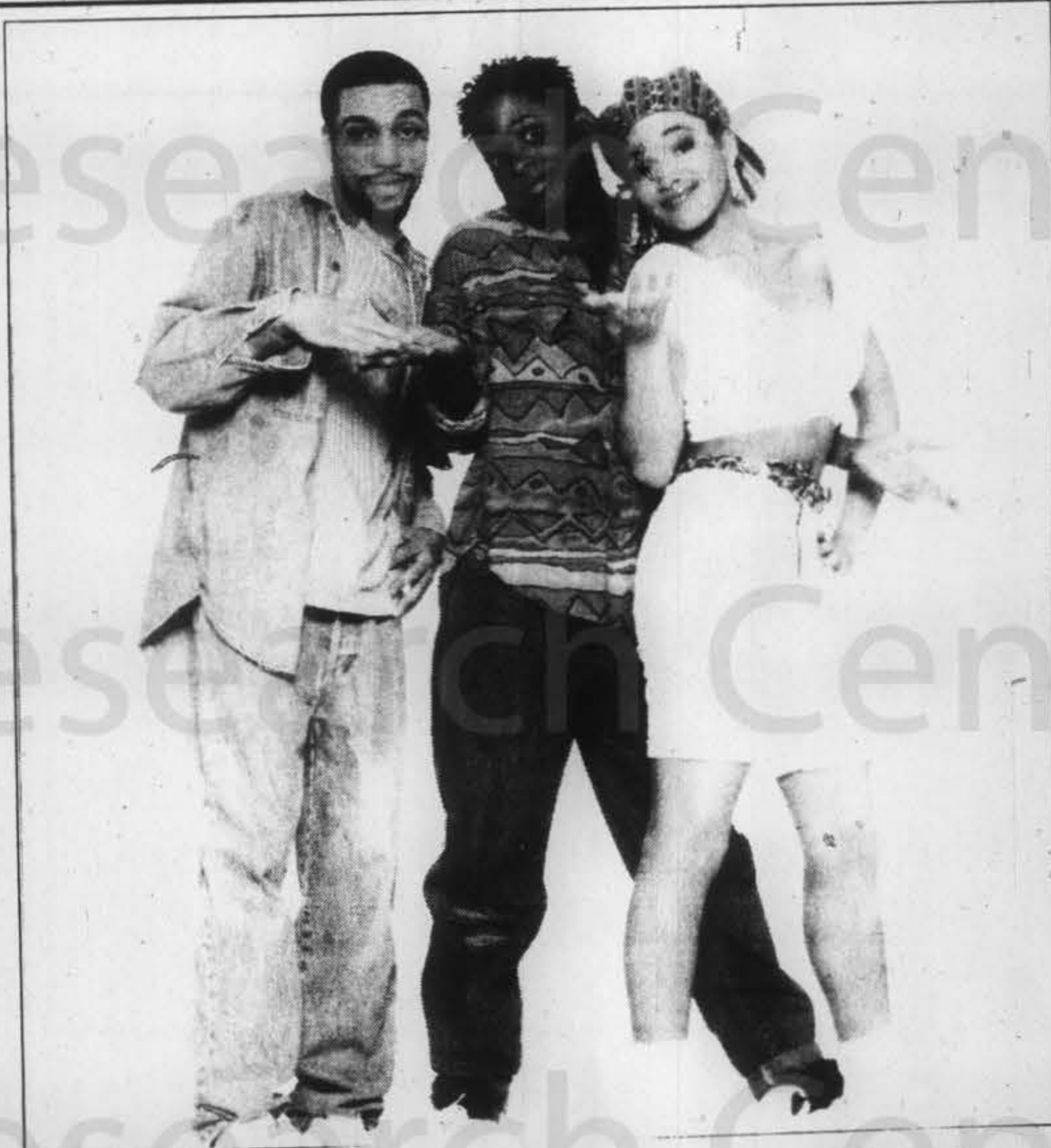
But with his success, Dexter has to choose between livin' large and livin' with himself.

Livin' Large stars an array of black talent including a handful of new faces.

Lisa Arrindell, who plays Dexter's supportive girlfriend, makes her debut in the film, as well as the Jungle Brothers' rap artist Nathaniel "Afrika" Hall, who plays Dexter's best friend, Baker Moon.

If you're a Jungle Brothers fan, you can have another taste of Hall along with his group mates on the movie soundtrack that also includes songs by Slick Rick ("I Shouldn't Have Done It"), Alyson Williams, Terminator X and Herbie Hancock.

Livin' Large opens in theaters nationwide on Sept. 20 and there will be an advanced screening Monday, Sept. 16 at 7:00 p.m. in Cramton Auditorium. Free passes can be obtained at the Cramton box office.



Nathaniel "Afrika" Hall, T.C. Carson, and Lisa Arrindell star in Michael Schultz's new film, *Livin' Large!*

Never Too Much!!



Superstar balladeer Luther Vandross will be headed to D.C. on his *Power of Love* Tour with Lisa Fischer, Sinbad and Sounds of Blackness for two days only: Sept. 17 and 18. The show will be held at 8:00 p.m. in the Capital Centre and tickets, which are \$30, can be purchased at any Ticketmaster in the Washington metropolitan area.



Angeline Ball, Maria Doyle, and Bronaugh Gallagher in director Alan Parker's new film, *The Commitments*.

Commitments: Euro-Heartbeats?

By Debroah L. Mayfield
Hilltop Staff Writer

Picture Robert Townsend's *Five Heartbeats* parading around in Dublin, Ireland in pale white skin and "almost there" soulful voices. POOF! Magically you have *The Commitments*.

Directed by Alan Parker, the genius behind the films *Fame*, *Mississippi Burning*, and *Angel Heart*, *The Commitments* chronicles a band's determination to amalgamate and become a band like no one has ever seen before.

It starts with Jimmy Rabbitte, a restless, young music fanatic determined to bring soul to a tired, austere Dublin. After two friends, Derek and Outspan, ask him to manage their band, an excited Jimmy sets out to accomplish his mission.

He puts an ad in the local newspaper, filters out the "wanna-be's" and "washed out" and comes up with a group of soul-inspired musicians whose only ambition in life are to make music.

Although Jimmy's vision to enlighten Dublin was slowly becoming a reality, he knew the talented group needed a little smoothing around the edges. They needed to learn to harmonize both on stage and off and

channel the frustration and pain in their lives into the soul of music.

Unfortunately, it wasn't that easy. When dissent, impatience and fevered outrage invaded the group, *The Commitments* seemed to be a lost cause—until they performed. The superb rhythm, hard-hitting bass and euphonious voices that emanated from the group's performances temporarily erased all of the ill feelings that plagued the group.

At the height of their success, the group still wasn't able to shake their resentments and rivalries. They were on the road to self-destruction, something that is beyond even Jimmy to quell.

As their performance reaches heights that none had believed themselves capable of, the inevitable break-up occurs.

Fed up and disappointed, Jimmy packs up and moves on, hoping his vision lasted long enough to leave a permanent impression in the souls and hearts that created *The Commitments*.

The Commitments, whose entire lead cast amazingly consists of a group of Irish musicians who have never appeared in a film, opens nationwide on Friday, Sept. 13.

BOOKS

A look at black controversial issues through a black man's eyes

By John L. Jackson Jr.
Hilltop Staff Writer

Why Black People Tend to Shout: Col Facts and Wry Views From a Black Man's World
Ralph Wiley. Carol Publishing Group
200 pp. \$15.95

The golden rule for a truly good essayist is simple: He or she should be courageous enough to speak his or her mind. Unquestionably, the argument set forth by that essayist must be logically reasoned and adequately supported, but the most basic element of an essayist's work is truth.

You can teach an aspiring writer how to spell a word, punctuate a sentence and deduce a specific conclusion from a general statement, but you cannot teach that writer to be truthful.

In an essay, honesty is a lot harder than dotting every "i" and crossing every "t" and if the essays in *Why Black People Tend to Shout* is any indication, Ralph Wiley is not afraid of telling the truth as he sees it.

In positing the notion that he can explain why black people shout, Wiley uncovers some facts that are at once both brutal and beautiful and his analysis of black America is certain to ruffle some feathers and destroy a few popular-held myths in the process.

Pulling no punches, this literary pugilist swings his pen and paper at a target left unexposed by the opposition—whomever and whatever the opposition may be. In an essay titled "Purple With A Passion," he writes, "Alice Walker was nominated for and awarded a Pulitzer Prize. The Pulitzer Prize is an award thought up

by and given out by white men...It is said that the award is to reward good and timely writing...James Baldwin never won a Pulitzer, even though he could write rings around Alice (and nearly everyone else I've ever read, for that matter)."

Wiley feels that he has truth to share with his readers and he is not afraid to write about it. He maintains that he cannot take anything away from Alice Walker: "She did her job well. She created art and art needs conscience," but he also believes that part of the reason she won the award rests on that fact that, "The Color Purple" just happened to contain no black characters with any redeeming qualities, other than the fact that some of them died."

Being a writer by profession—he "this literary pugilist swings his pen and paper at a target left unexposed by the opposition whomever and whatever the opposition may be"

has contributed to *Sports Illustrated*, *Premiere* and *Emerge* magazines—it takes a lot of guts for him to stand up and attack the literary establishment, which has the ability to control the amount of food on his table and clothes on his back and a good writer must have those "guts". As far as Wiley is concerned, this is the true nature of our contemporary literary community and it must be told no matter how controversial or ill received.

A myriad of topics are discussed and considered by Wiley in this

exploration of American society. Everything finds its way into his text—from Shaka Zulu to Bernard Goetz—and often in the most unexpected and imaginative ways.

The essay titled "Why Black People Won't Eat" uses an argument between Muhammad Ali and Sugar Ray Robinson to exemplify Wiley's opening hypothesis: "If you're frustrated and want to find a way to get into an argument or a fight without actually doing anything wrong, try to get a black person to eat something he or she doesn't want to eat. Then step back and square off."

After humorously and fun-heartedly going over the peculiar eating habits of different groups of people, at least how he sees them, Wiley writes about Muhammad Ali, a Muslim, being "taken aback" because Robinson ordered some porkchops—to Muslims the pig is too filthy and evil to be eaten.

"It pained Ali," Wiley writes, "to see Robinson eating something Ali himself would never eat." Pointing to the pork, Ali asks Robinson, "Do you know what will happen to you if you eat those?" Robinson replies, "I know what will happen if I don't...I'll be hungry."

This is the wit of Ralph Wiley, the style. He's a writer who uses his gift sincerely. "What Annoys Black People The Most" is another essay in the book containing paragraphs which typify the style of Wiley's overall literary delivery. You see the down-to-earth, everyday-Joe, I'm-gonna-say-what-I-feel kind of writing characteristic of every essay in the piece.

In his own words, "...things that annoy black people the most, I could

only offer a short list of further guesswork based on my own experiences and that would not be fair for the rest of you people. There are days when everything pesters me, so I am not a good example. But, by casually asking around, I have found out toothpaste dried in the basin annoys some black people. Others will take the fly, as long as they don't have to put up with in-laws. Some black people hate for someone to stick the peanut butter knife into the jelly jar without wiping it off first. But some don't even mind that." It is rare to see a book of essays covering as broad a range of topics as this one does—black people's hair, AIDS in the black community, his admiration for John Thompson (Georgetown's basketball coach), the relevance of IQ testing, New York City, blacks in Japan and the superiority of black athletes—without drowning itself in its own well meaning aspirations.

We see some of what the author believes to be "truth" and are allowed to examine the workings of his mind. His truth does not necessarily have to be our truth, but we at least have some idea of where he is coming from as a writer and a human being. All in all, it seems that black people shout for the same reason Ralph Wiley has written this book: They have so much to say and they want everyone to hear them say it.

Writing is therapeutic and educational, not only for the reader of good literature, but for the writer of it. And just as readers can close the covers of the book knowing a little bit more about themselves, writers can also learn something from their work and it is interesting to find out what



In his book *Why Black People Tend to Shout*, Ralph Wiley offers the truth as a coverall.

Wiley feels after writing the essays contained in *Why Black People Tend to Shout*.

"My conclusion," he writes, "is that generalities are unsound and annoying people with them can be dangerous. I hope this has helped to clear the air. If it hasn't, what do you expect of me? Miracles? You do? Well, so do I. This annoys me most."

What annoys me most is that it is so hard to find any essayists willing to tackle controversial issues with the frankness and humor of Wiley. For anyone interested in a unique view of black life—and that should be all of us—*Why Black People Tend to Shout* makes an interesting addition to one's knowledge base on the subject.

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SPORTS

Bison knock out Fayetteville: ready to take on FAMU

By Maynard H. Clarke
Hilltop Staff Writer

The new improved 1991 Bison debuted for all to see last Saturday against an overmatched Division II Fayetteville State Broncos. The result was an all too predictable 62-0 modern day record tying blowout.

Third-year coach Steve Wilson certainly relished the opportunity to showcase the depth of his teams talent as well as its overall improvement from last years 6-5 squad.

Donald Carr, a senior, who is entering his third year in the current offensive scheme was spectacular as he completed all five of the passes he threw in the first quarter for 121 yards including a 14-yard touchdown pass to Gary "Flea" Harrell as the Bison found themselves up 27-0 at the end of the first quarter.

Carr ended the day with an 80

percent completion rate connecting on 12 of 15 passes for 190 yards and three touchdowns. He showcased his scrambling skills on the sixth play of the first drive which covered 72-yards.

As his pocket dissolved around him he scampered outside and drilled Derrick Daniels with a 35-yard bullet at the Bronco's 14. Two plays later he hit Harrell to go up 7-0.

"We all knew Donald has big-play capabilities, especially when he gets forced out of the pocket and today he showed them," Wilson said.

The Broncos never had a chance as on the ensuing kickoff Neal Downing knocked the ball out of Theron Newton's arm as he was swarmed by Bison special-teams. Eric Gore recovered at the Fayetteville 13 and four plays later Howard's Ryan Heathcock punched it

in from the two for a 14-0 lead.

The Bison highlight film continued as the vaunted "Buffalo Soldier" defense after a minor lapse in which it allowed the Bronco's Kenneth Frazier to run up the middle for 30-yards shut down Fayetteville at their own 40 forcing a punt.

It took just 1:49 for Carr to drive the Bison 70-yards for another score as he completed a 29-yard pass to Tony Hyman. He then lofted one to George Humes who skyed over a pair of defenders to grab the pass and then dash five-yards into the end zone.

The nightmare on Bryant street was only just beginning for the Broncos as their offense ran their usual three downs before being forced to punt.

Sterlin McClain's attempt to punt was blocked by Middle Eastern Athletic Conference

cornerback Walter Price who deflected the ball to Joe Olidge who carried the ball five yards to make the score 27-0 as Cedric Rawls PAT went wide.

"We saw that they didn't block the end man on this weeks films, so coach made us work on it in practice," Price said. "I guess it paid off."

The Flea decided to show the crowd why he led the nation in punt returns last year as he went on an electrifying 79-yard jaunt up the sidelines and into the end zone. The crowds elation was cut short by a yellow flag on the field signifying a clipping penalty and erasing the score.

Halftime came mercifully quick and the score remained 27-0.

The second half opened with the Bronco's receiving the kickoff and

putting together their longest sustained drive of 11-plays before the Bison defense forced them to punt.

McClain experienced a bad case of deja vu as Price again blocked his punt, but this time he picked up the loose ball and jetted 22-yards into the end zone increasing the lead to 34-0.

After another three downs and out McClain got to endure another punt attempt, but this time when the snap was poor he attempted to run rather than punt.

This maneuver bought some time for his Broncos as it took five-plays for the Bison to score as Carr picked up his third scoring pass connecting on a 15-yarder to Hyman.

Demond Arter relieved Carr and his performance certainly bodes well for the future Bison as he completed 3 of 4 for 74 yards and two touchdowns. One a 9-yard touch pass

to Derrick Daniels and the other a 44-yard bomb to Rupert Grant.

The win although quite impressive is really nothing more than a preseason game as the Bison face defending conference champion Florida A&M University and their Rattler scoring machine quarterback Tony Ezell tomorrow followed by former Howard coach Willie Jeffries South Carolina State Bulldogs and Division I Temple who will be playing its first home game after battling 20th ranked Alabama (41-3 L), 8th ranked Clemson and Pittsburgh.

"It won't be hard to get up for last years conference champs. They beat us pretty bad down there," Wilson said. "There will be no problem focusing for this game," he added.



Howard University Two-Deep Depth Chart

OFFENSE POS	NO	NAME	CLASS	HOMETOWN
WR	1	GARY HARRELL	Sophomore	Miami, FL
WR	6	TONY HYMAN	Junior	Hampton, VA
LT	66	NIGEL GREENE	Senior	Atlanta, GA
LT	73	BROOKE CAWLEY	Freshman	Washington, D.C.
LG	64	ROB CARPENTER	Junior	Saginaw, MI
LG	52	CHARLES BEARS	Sophomore	Washington, D.C.
C	67	DANTE REID	Sophomore	Miami, FL
C	55	KENNETH REESE	Sophomore	Washington, D.C.
RG	77	SEKOU MITCHELL	Sophomore	Washington, D.C.
RG	62	SHAWN PELOTE	Senior	Washington, D.C.
RT	74	PAUL RAMSEUR	Senior	Wilmington, DE
RT	78	RICK CLAYTON	Junior	Stockton, CA
TE	89	TROY WILLIAMS	Senior	Baltimore, MD
TE	83	DAVID SIERRA	Sophomore	Silver Spring, MD
WR	5	GEORGE HUMES	Senior	Miami, FL
WR	2	MIKE CASWELL	Junior	Jacksonville, FL
QB	13	DONALD CARR	Senior	Austin, Texas
QB	8	DEMOND ARTER	Freshman	Washington, D.C.
FB	45	R. HEATHERCOCK	Junior	Richmond, VA
FB	36	RODNEY MANGUM	Senior	Austin, TX
FB	19	J. CARPENTER	Senior	Oklahoma, OK
FB	44	ROBERT TAYLOR	Senior	Chicago, IL

DEFENSE POS	NO	NAME	CLASS	HOMETOWN
LDE	54	JAMES SPEARS	Sophomore	Detroit, MI
LDE	90	AARON KINCHEN	Sophomore	Glenarden, MD
NT	97	C. ANTHONY	Sophomore	Galthesburg, MD
NT	90	AARON KINCHEN	Sophomore	Glenarden, MD
RDE	63	TODD WHITE	Senior	Columbia, SC
RDE	94	RANSOM MILLER	Senior	Oklahoma, OK
OLB	57	A. HOOPER	Senior	Washington, D.C.
OLB	92	D. CARRINGTON	Freshman	Oxon Hill, MD
ILB	53	ROB. WINTERS	Sophomore	Vicksburg, MS
ILB	59	K. NEWSOME	Senior	Baltimore, MD
ILB	46	EMMITT SMITH	Senior	Athens, GA
ILB	48	STEVE HOWARD	Sophomore	Austin, TX

Intramural and Recreational Activities Schedule 1991-1992

Date	Time	Event
September 17	4 pm	Table Soccer Tournament
September 17	4 pm	Billiard Tournament
September 24	4 pm	University Center Billiard League
September 24	4 pm	Table Tennis Tournament
September 24	4 pm	Spades Tournament
October 2	4 pm	Table Tennis League
October 15	4 pm	Chess Tournament
October 24	4 pm	Chess League
October 29	4 pm	Backgammon Tournament
November 5	4 pm	Bid-Whist Tournament
January 21	4 pm	Video Games Tournament
March 3	4 pm	Tennis Tournament
March 6	4 pm	Bison Lanes Bowling Tournament

All Events will be held in the Armour J. Blackburn Center Basement Level.

Please register for event a week before they are scheduled to start.

Call 806-7226 or 806-7227 for additional information.

Bison Booters win on the road in College Park

By Damon A. Dozier
Hilltop Staff Writer

Kona Hislop proved to be much for the Maryland Terrapins soccer team as he scored two goals Sunday as the Bison Booters beat their opponents 2 to 0.

Hislop was the leading goal scorer for the Booters last year, even though he was slowed by preseason knee surgery. He scored nine goals a season ago.

It was the season opener for both teams in a very close contest that seemed like it would be even until Kona Hislop began to work his magic.

At 21:36 of the first half, Koba Hislop received a pass from junior forward Muiwa Omotajo, worked himself free, and launched a cannon of a left-footed kick into the lower right-hand corner of the goal. The ball went right past the outstretched hands of last year's all-Atlantic College Conference goalie Carmine Issaco. This gave the Bison a one goal lead.

Just a scant two minutes later, junior midfielder Scott Lee delivered a perfect pass to Hislop from the right side of the field into the center of the penalty area. The Maryland goalkeeper, Carmine Issaco, seemed confused for a second, expecting one of his teammates to clear the ball. No one was there however, therefore Kona Hislop had his second goal of the day.

Lack of offensive pressure was a problem point for the Bison Booters last year; the Booters only scored an average of just over one goal a game.

Yesterday the problem concerning offensive pressure did not seem to be present Sunday as the Booters had eleven shots on goal and were constantly challenging the Maryland defense.

The Terrapins had some chances in the first half of the game, but they let them slip away. On three different occasions Maryland had scoring opportunities in Howard's territory, but two missed headers by Andy Zamora and another missed kick on a breakaway by George Petrou sealed the fate of the Terrapins.

Senior goalkeeper and All-American candidate Shaka Hislop was brilliant in goal, with ten saves on the day. His defensive backfield made sure that he would have no serious threats in the second half to deal with.

This game may have been special to Hislop and his teammates, because Maryland defeated Howard 2 to 0 a year ago.

The Maryland soccer team was playing without the services of their leading returning goal scorer. Senior Paul Boardman was dismissed from the team last week. No information was given concerning the cause of the dismissal.

Bison Coach Keith Tucker was quoted as saying the Booters "just took advantage of their opportunities."

The next game was played against George Washington University on Wednesday. No results were available at press time.

Lady Spikers 2-1 to start season

By Johanna Wilson
Hilltop Staff Writer

Their history is rich-they have won four Middle Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) conference titles. Their team is dedicated-"We have the killer instinct," a team member said. Their battles have definitely begun.

The Lady Spikers, Howard's volleyball team, began their season on Sept. 3 against Coppin State. On their first showing, The Lady Spikers hammered Coppin State on Coppin's turf. The Lady Spikers won all three matches. The scores were 15-8, 15-4 and 15-13 respectively.

According to Head Coach, Linda Spencer, the game against Coppin State was a game she was confident about winning. "Coppin State was a conference game and the team is competitive. However, they do not test our abilities as a team," Spencer said.

Kesha Levesque, a sophomore defensive player, agreed with her coach about the Coppin State win. I don't think it was a good trial game. That game should have been a bigger win, but we have the problem of playing to other team's levels," she said.

On Sept. 5, in Howard University's territory, a commotion walked on "Spiker's ground". Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) came to see if they could pass "the test". Unfortunately, they took the Lady Spikers' test and passed it by winning the game.

The two competitors played a grueling five matches. Virginia won the first game 11-15. The Lady Spikers "spiked back", 15-13 and 15-12, to win the second and third games. Yet, Virginia still had some gas in their engines to drive pass the Lady Spikers 14-16 and 13-15, to win the match.

"We are still learning about each other. We have to keep our game at a mental high if we want to retain what it takes to finish off opponents," Spencer said.

Andria Miller, a junior outside hitter from Newark, Delaware, said that they beat themselves against Virginia Commonwealth. "We could have played harder than we did. By keeping our killer instinct at a level high, we can finish off opponents like VCU," she said.

On Sept. 7, the Lady Spikers redeemed themselves- Hampton University witnessed the Spikers' fury. The Spikers won three of four games to win the match. The scores were 15-7, 15-13, 9-15 and 15-11 respectively.

Even though the volleyball season is just beginning, Coach Spencer and team members agree that it will be a rewarding one for the squad. Motivation and maintaining the "killer instinct" will bring them wins throughout the season.

At press time the results for the Sept. 11 Towson State game were not available.

SPORTS 2

Kelly McIntosh vies for golden dreams in Barcelona

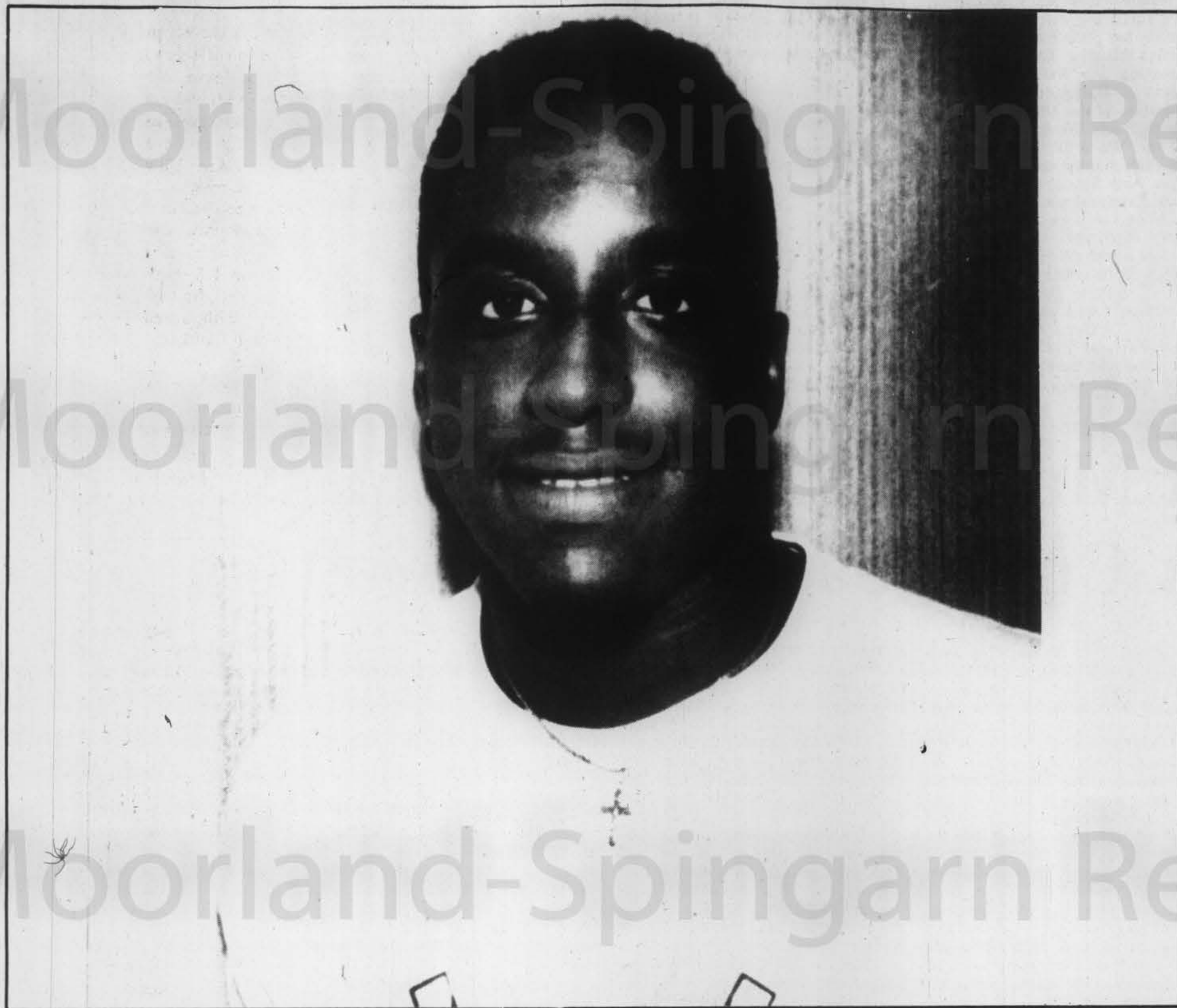


Photo by Edgar Bastien

By Johanna Wilson
Hilltop Staff Writer

One day in East Orange, New Jersey, a mother who happened to be a swimming instructor, tossed her 2-year old son into a pool. Soon after she tossed him in the water, the little tyke began to swim.

"Give me some water, and I can go," he would say much later after his young debut.

Kelly McIntosh has been swimming ever since.

Kelly, a 20-year-old junior, who is a civil engineer major has been surprising onlookers ever since making that "splashing debut" in East Orange.

From those early years in New Jersey, much has happened in the life of McIntosh, who is also the captain of the Swimming Sharks-the Howard University Swimming Team.

McIntosh has been ranked as high as 2nd in the state of New Jersey in the 100-yard butterfly, and as high as 3rd in the 100-yard freestyle. He was also ranked 2nd in the 200-yard medley relay.

Just when you thought the list of accomplishments were finished, another list of incredible feats for this young man begins.

McIntosh also won the Essex County Championship in the 50 and 100-yard freestyle four consecutive years (1986-1989). If that was not enough, he was four time Eastern Conference winner in those same events during the same year.

Before McIntosh came to Howard, he was voted Most Valuable Player-All Around in April 1989 while attending Seton Hall Preparatory High School, which is located in West Orange, New Jersey.

Currently, McIntosh holds two Howard swimming records. One is in the 100-yard backstroke, while the other was set in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

The old 100-yard backstroke record was set back in 1973 and remained stable until 1989 when McIntosh broke it.

Even though McIntosh said that swimmer role models were few, his mother always gave him the extra shove he needed.

"My mom really inspired me to stick to it. She was a major role model for me because black swimmers were and still are a rarity," McIntosh said. "My friends and my desire to participate in the Olympics are also inspirations."

Mark Askew, McIntosh's teammate, said that he is one of the brightest star athletes at Howard.

"Kelly has been there for the team. When I get the jitters, he helps me relax and get rid of them," Askew said. "He is very supportive and is concerned about the well being of the team."

Christopher Coleman, who is Kelly's best friend, said that he has an "inner force" that guarantees him endless success.

"Kelly is a hell of a swimmer and life guard. I saw him save lives and I was flabbergasted. He has this innate quality that makes him stand out," Coleman said.

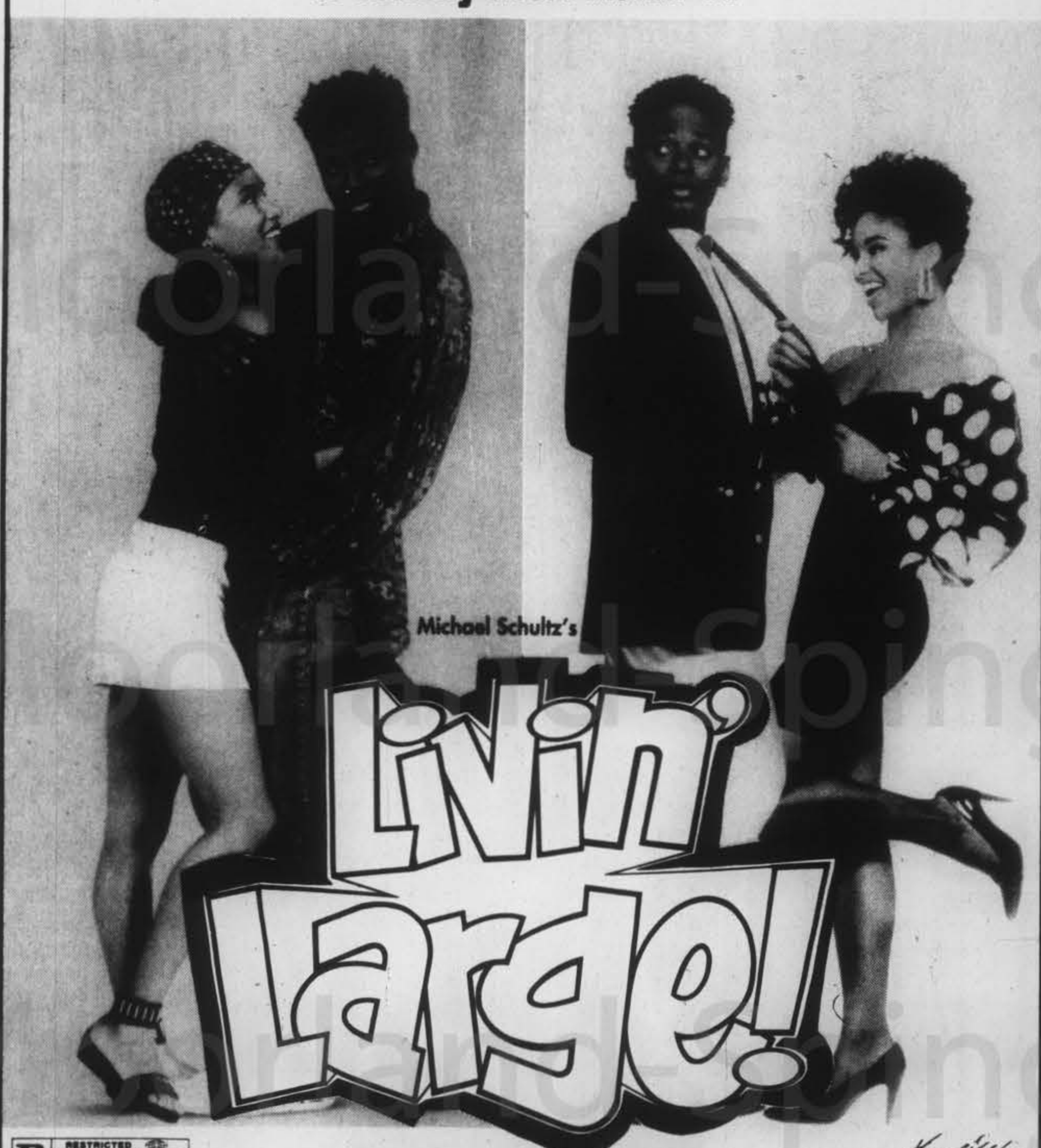
Kelly swims 18,000-20,000 yards a day, in preparation of the upcoming year and the 1992 Olympics that will be held in Barcelona, Spain.

Even though Olympic tryouts will not be held until March or April of next year, Kelly is committed to maintaining his strict regime of training.

Kelly said that he is aspiring to become a world class black swimmer and complete the goal of Chris Silver (a top black swimmer) who was killed before his dream of being on the 1992 U.S. Olympic team was realized.

"I feel that I should push forward and fulfill his dream, and by fulfilling his dream, I'll fulfill mine," Kelly said.

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THE HILLTOP
September 9, 1991

On behalf of the Undergraduate Student Assembly (UGSA), I welcome you all back from what I hope was a peaceful and productive summer. This is probably one of the most exciting times of the school year because it gives us the chance to resume friendships and the unique opportunity to be better than we were last year. I am particularly excited because this year will mark the beginning of a more responsive, cooperative and visible student government.

For those of you who don't know, the purpose of the UGSA is to provide entertaining, inspirational, informative and educational programs and services to the undergraduate student body. In essence, we are the

programming entity of Howard University Student Association (HUSA) and our graduate counterpart is the Graduate Student Assembly (GSA).

However, if you don't do your

job, we can't do ours. We need not only your support, but your active participation in suggesting, planning and executing quality programs. On a larger scale, all the parts that make up student government need your input:

your school's student council, UGSA, Caribbean Student Association and the executive branch of HUSA.

In fulfilling our purpose, the Assembly has plans for some exciting programs this year. Oct. 20, we will be hosting the Salute to Black Achievers Banquet. This is a combination of our annual programs, Salute to Black Women and Men of the Year. We will be showcasing student talent along with the College of Fine Arts Student Council in a Musical Extravaganza Nov. 8, so look for audition announcements soon.

In addition, UGSA, in conjunction with the HUSA executive branch, will be celebrating Kwanzaa the first week in December. Next semester don't miss an unprecedented celebration of Black History Month, an Intercultural Exchange Day, in cooperation with the HUSA executive branch and the annual Spring Black

Arts Festival.

Even with these events, our calendar is still open for your suggestions. The assembly is looking forward to sponsoring several educational workshops in conjunction

always open.

Finally, I encourage all of you to get to know the UGSA representatives from your student councils and drop by the showcase in the entry of the Undergraduate Library to find out more about the programs we have sponsored. Please keep in mind that the assembly is a great channel for sharing your talent, your mind, your opinion and your spirit. Our theme for this year is Building Blocks for the Future-Setting a New Tradition. That tradition starts with you.

Faith, Peace & Progress,
Tracy L. McFerrin
Coordinator

Jennifer Watley
Vice Coordinator



Alma Maters That Matter: The Unique Mission of Historically Black Colleges and Universities

By Dr. Louis W. Sullivan
Special to the Hilltop

I always dreamed of being a doctor. However, growing up in the South of the '40s and '50s, my options were limited. The good marks I received in high school were not enough. For me, as for many black students from disadvantaged backgrounds today, a college education would have been a pipe dream without the opportunity provided by an historically black college.

Being accepted to Morehouse College was the first step in fulfilling my dreams to become a doctor. Tuition was reasonable, and I was able to work my way through school with a part-time job. Today, I want to salute the school which accepted me, nurtured me and prepared me for life. And I am not alone. There are millions of black professionals, lawyers, physicians, teachers, scientists, business leaders who have

similarly benefitted from an Historically Black College or University (HBCU).

Unique Mission

Originally established to provide opportunities in higher education for black students excluded from mainstream institutions, HBCU's are considered by some to be relics of a bygone era. I disagree. HBCU's have a singular role to play in today's society. The historical mission of black colleges and universities, to provide an academic environment where black students are nurtured and challenged, remains the central mission of HBCU's today.

In today's job market, demographic and economic forces are combining to increase the demand for college-educated workers. Demographically, the workforce is shrinking as Americans live longer and the ratio of workers to retirees decreases. At the same time, racial and ethnic minorities are becoming a larger share of the American

population. Today, one in five school-aged children is a racial or ethnic minority, and that number is expected to increase to one in three children within the next decade. These two demographic trends place a premium on every single worker. The sustained economic competitiveness of America depends on an investment in our historically undereducated and underemployed minorities. It is in the interest of all Americans to improve the opportunities in higher education for minority students.

What will it take for the upcoming generation of American children to succeed? The workplace of the year 2000 offers unprecedented opportunities as well as unprecedented challenges. The high-wage manufacturing jobs which once employed millions of black workers without a college degree are rapidly dwindling. The Department of Labor projects that the workplace of the 1990s will require the highest level of education ever demanded of an entering workforce. For the first time,

a majority of new jobs will require the knowledge, adaptability, computer literacy and skills for lifelong learning fostered by a college education.

Yet, tragically, while higher education has become increasingly important, fewer black Americans are enrolling in college. During the decade ending in 1986, the number of black high school graduates enrolling in college dropped five percent. And those who did enter college were less likely to graduate than their white counterparts. At the graduate level, the number of blacks earning master's degrees declined a shocking 32 percent.

Historically black colleges and universities are a beacon of hope in the midst of this bleak picture. While accounting for a mere three percent of all institutions of higher education in the United States, they graduate approximately 40 percent of all blacks receiving bachelors degrees.

HBCU's have molded some of our most outstanding national leaders; men and women like Dr. Martin

Luther King, Jr., Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, Astronaut Ron McNair, Governor L. Douglas Wilder, Mayor Sharon Pratt Dixon and my colleague at HHS, Commissioner of Social Security Gwendolyn King.

Unique Needs

The unique mission of HBCU's translates into a unique need. These schools enroll an astonishing 10 percent of all students of private colleges whose family income falls below \$10,000. Indeed the very survival of some of these colleges and universities is threatened by lack of resources.

And so during National HBCU Week, as we celebrate the contributions of these schools to the nation, we would be wise to pause to consider what contribution we might make to ensure that the HBCU legacy of excellence continues. I am pleased that President Bush, a longtime supporter of HBCU's, has launched an initiative designed to increase

opportunities for HBCU's to participate in, and benefit from, federal programs. HHS is one of 27 federal agencies supporting the president's initiative.

Much more remains to be done, and the government cannot do it alone. Your contribution to an Historically Black College or University (a financial gift or a pledge to volunteer your expertise) is an investment which will pay countless dividends today and tomorrow.

As my mentor, the late president of Morehouse College, Dr. Benjamin E. Mays often told his students, "You make your living by what you get, but you make your life by what you give."

The writer is Secretary of Health and Human Services. This commentary is written in recognition of National Historically Black College and Universities Week.

ATTENTION

ALL RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS ARE ALLOWED TO PETITION THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS. PLEASE STOP BY THE HOWARD UNIVERSITY STUDENT ASSOCIATION (HUSA) OFFICE, WHICH IS LOCATED IN ROOM 102 OF THE BLACKBURN CENTER, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 10:00AM -5:00PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY IN ORDER TO PICK UP REQUEST FORMS. THESE FORMS MUST BE FILLED OUT AND RETURNED TO THE HUSA OFFICE NO LATER THAN 3:00PM ON WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 1991.

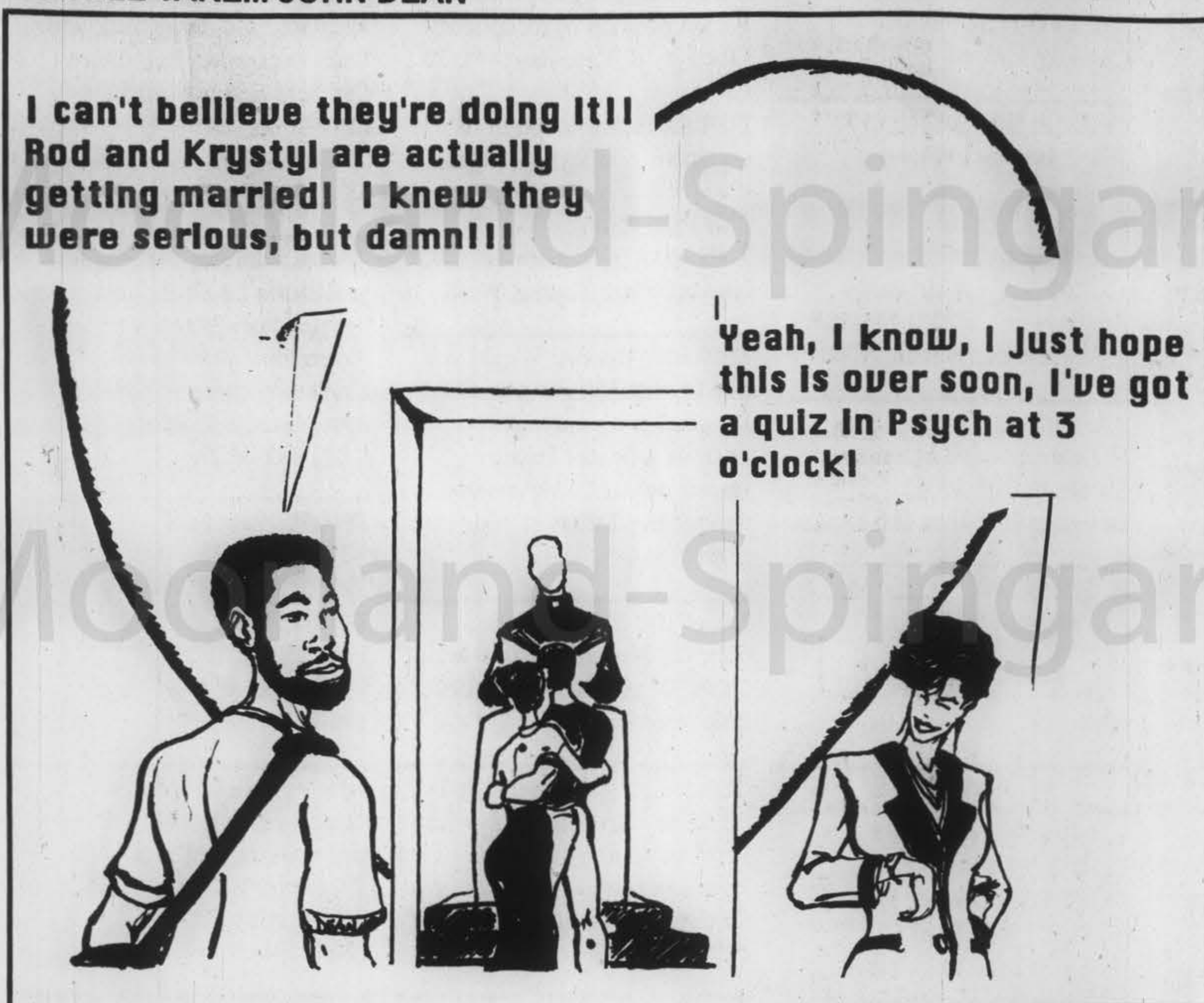
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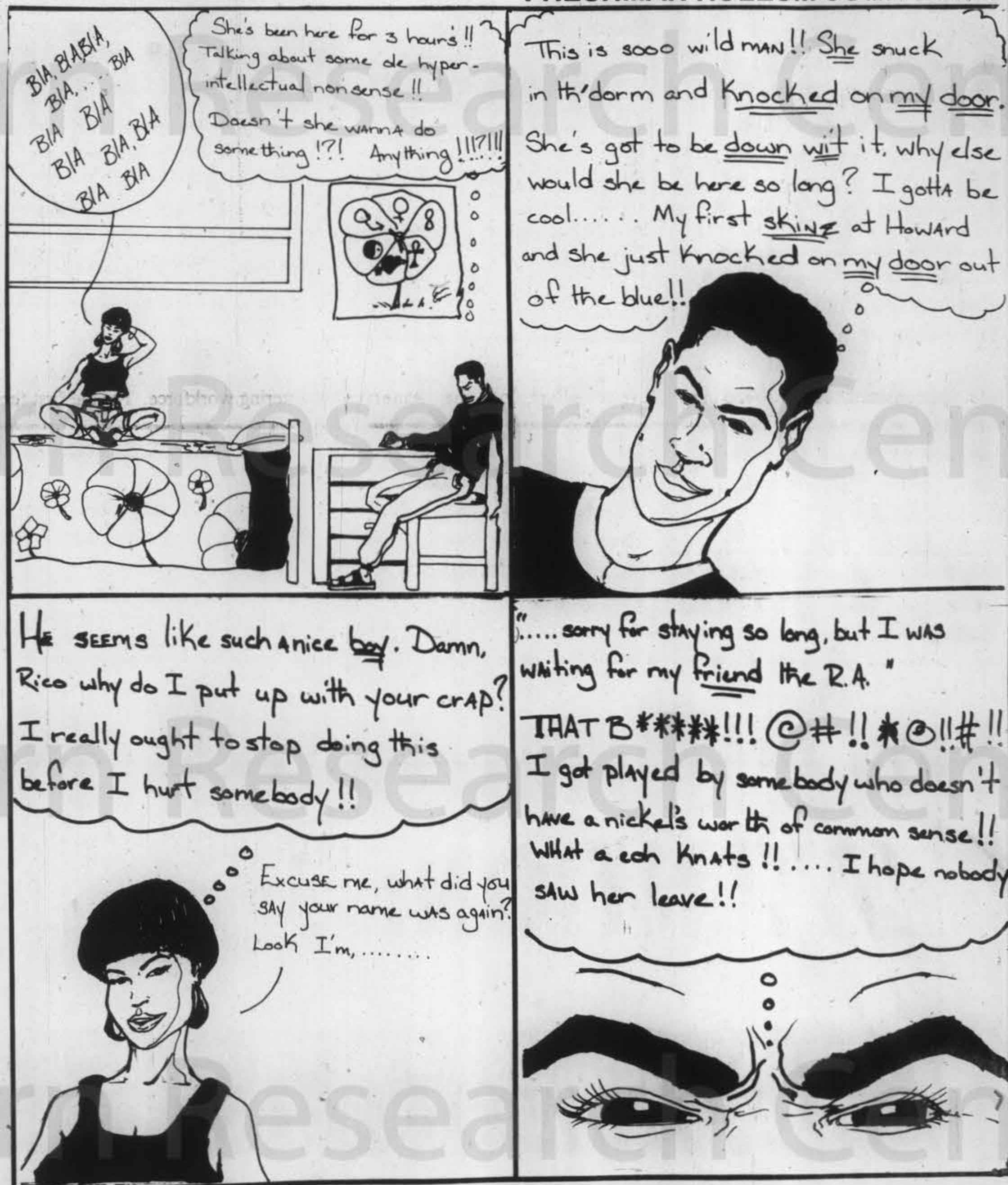
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